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NORTH POLE RESCUE PLANE IN MISHAP

Moscow, To-day.

The airman Cherevitchy, who flew a plane off one of the rescuing ice breakers to fly over the Papinin expedition, himself had to be rescued by another plane yesterday.

He had made a forced landing between two ice floes.

The ice breaker Tamyr will salvage the plane, which had to be abandoned.

Members of the Papinin North Pole expedition will not be evacuated from their drifting ice floe by plane but by the ice breaker Jermak, which is expected to reach the scientists next Tuesday.

BAD WEATHER

This decision was reached between M. Papinin and the rescue ships, as not only is there insufficient space in the plane but weather conditions are against immediate departure.

The ice breaker Taimyr will attempt to get nearer the scientists in order to be ready for all emergencies.—Trans-Ocean.

CLOUDY WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that there is little chance in the China anticyclone; pressure is highest to the north of the Yangtsé Valley.

The depression which is now of great intensity has moved northward to Hokkaido.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, Moderate; cloudy generally.

JAPANESE CLAIM

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese military quarters claim that Japanese troops have gained a decisive victory on the Yellow River.

They claim that 80,000 Chinese troops are in danger of being cut off.—Trans-Ocean.

Hitler Nears Achievement Of Greatest Ambition

Paris, To-day.

Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Austrian Chancellor, is stated in Berlin to have accepted in his talks with Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Havas Agency, conditions by which Nazis will be given more posts in the Austrian Cabinet and commanding positions in the Fatherland Front.

Austria, says the correspondent, will re-align her policy towards the League of Nations with that of Germany, and will sign the Anti-Comintern Pact.

Herr Hitler is also planning an Austro-German customs union, to be achieved by progressive reduction of tariffs, while the Austrian and German currencies will be linked with a view to ultimate introduction of a common monetary system.

In addition, the German public works programme, notably building of trunk roads, will be extended to Austria, and Austrian workless will be employed in Germany.—Reuter.

FREEING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Vienna, To-day.

Release of political prisoners under the amnesty granted by the Austrian Government has already begun.

Yesterday large crowds assembled outside the prisons of Vienna to welcome the liberated men, who were greeted by relatives.

There are 510 political prisoners in Vienna, and the police have been instructed to expedite their release.

The amnesty warns the released prisoners that they must refrain from all political activities.

The prisoners must sign a de-

claration to this effect.—Trans-Ocean.

DIET CONVOKED

Vienna, To-day.

The Austrian Federal Diet has been convoked for Thursday, February 24, according to press reports.

The Diet will hear the statement of the Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, on his talks with Herr Hitler.—Trans-Ocean.

M. PONCET AT WILHELMSTRASSE

Berlin, To-day.

The French Ambassador in Berlin, M. Francois Poncet, paid his first official call on the new Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, yesterday.

According to French and German official circles, all international problems concerning the two countries were discussed.

It is denied that Austria was the express purpose of the call, though the new Austro-German agreement undoubtedly came up for discussion.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY

London, To-day.

The British Government has received a reply from General Franco upon the representations made regarding the recent air attack on the British steamship Alcira. The note is now under examination.—British Wireless.

London, To-day.

General Franco's answer to the British protest against attacks on British shipping, has been received in London, says the "News Chronicle," and is being examined.

The paper says that the note contains numerous points which the British Government cannot accept as satisfactory.

General Franco expressed regrets, however, and gave assurances that the necessary steps would be taken to prevent repetition of such incidents.—Trans-Ocean.

TOKYO PROTEST TO MOSCOW

Tokyo, To-day.

Another strong protest has been lodged by the Japanese Foreign Office with the Soviet Embassy here.

This new protest is in connection with the alleged ill-treatment of Koreans in Russia.

Japan alleges that Koreans living on the Siberian border have been expelled from their homes and driven into the interior.—Our Own Correspondent.

COAL THEFT

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Lee Wang at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to stealing a typewriter valued at \$150 from the Netherlands Hospital. Inspector Kirby said that the defendant walked into the matron's room and took the machine away. He was arrested at the entrance of a pawn shop. He had eight previous convictions. Defendant was also placed under police supervision for two years.

TASTY COOKIES

For Adults And
Children

School day raids on the pantry shelf call for good old-fashioned cookies that the youngsters can put their teeth into. Especially popular are the filled cookies for they carry delightful secrets inside!

However, cookies should not be confined to after school snacks alone. They grow increasingly important on the modern menu, too. Many families serve canned or fruit desserts as a regular part of their dinner and to this dish cookies add the perfect touch of crisp sweetness.

Most everyone likes a good cookie now and then and for this reason we have included the adults as well as the children in our "School Day" recipes! A good supply of delicious cookies makes you ready for guests that drop in, for children's lunch boxes, emergency desserts—and of course the cookie jar!

MINCEMEAT COOKIES

Sift
1½ cups flour, measure and sift twice with
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt and
½ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon nutmeg and
½ teaspoon cinnamon. Cream
½ cup butter and
1 cup brown sugar thoroughly and beat in
1 egg. Add the sifted dry ingredients and
1 cup mincemeat alternately, adding
1 to 2 tablespoons cold water if the mixture appears too stiff. Drop from a teaspoon two inches apart on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400 deg.) 15 to 20 minutes.
Yield: 4 dozen.

GIPSY COOKIES

Sift
¾ cup flour, measure and sift twice with
1 teaspoon soda and
½ teaspoon salt. Add
1½ cups whole wheat flour measured after sifting through a coarse strainer. Lightly mix in
1 cup chopped dates. Cream
¼ cup butter and
1 cup brown sugar thoroughly. Beat in
1 egg and add
1 teaspoon vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients and
½ cup sour milk alternately. Drop by a teaspoon on a greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with
1/3 cup coconut. Bake in a moderate oven (375 deg.) 10 minutes.
Yield: 3 dozen.

ROLLED OATS COOKIES

Sift
2 cups flour, measure and sift 3 times with
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon nutmeg. Mix
1 cup rolled oats and
2/3 cup walnuts through flour. Cream
2/3 cup fat and

Double Chins Won't Muscle In When You Exercise Your Neck



TRIPLE THREAT
A dowager's hump, thick neck and double chin all are noticeable in this view.

STRETCHED OUT
She stretches her neck as far as she can, lengthening and strengthening the sterno-mastoid muscles as she does so.

INTO NOTHING
Here's the same model showing what exercise can accomplish. The hump is gone, youthful chin and slender neck are back.

Never use a chin strap—unless drawn-out process. In fact, the trouble often may be corrected merely by sitting or standing properly over a period of time.

Chin straps are crutches that will result in bigger and better double chins.

If you want to get rid of a double chin you must lengthen and strengthen the controlling muscle—the sterno-mastoid that runs along the side of your neck.

This muscle, holds the rest of the neck muscles in tow. Lengthening and strengthening it is not a long,

trouble often may be corrected merely by sitting or standing properly over a period of time.

One exercise, however, is very helpful. This is it:

Sit down. Slump as much as possible. Pull your stomach in as far as possible. Lift your chest. Drop your head forward.

Then push your chin out as far as possible, then slowly draw it as far back as possible in a line parallel to the floor. (It's a good idea to do the exercises with the chair

backed against the wall—so that when you get to the end you'll feel your neck pushing against the wall).

That exercise will do three things: Correct your sagging chin, lengthen and strengthen the sterno-mastoid muscle and get rid of the hump on the top of your shoulders.

It will give your neck and shoulders the graceful contour which is more necessary this season than it has been for many years, now that off-the-neck coiffures are gaining such favour.

1 cup brown sugar thoroughly. Beat in
2 eggs, one at a time. Add
3 tablespoons molasses and
2 tablespoons hot water. Mix in dry ingredients. Drop by teaspoon on greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400 deg.) about 10 minutes.
Yield: 4 dozen.

CHOCOLATE DROP COOKIES

Sift
1½ cups flour, measure and sift twice with
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt. Lightly mix in
1 cup walnut meats. Cream
½ cup fat and
1 cup brown sugar thoroughly. Add
2 squares melted chocolate, then
1 egg, beaten
1/3 cup milk or water and
1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix in dry ingredients. Drop from a teaspoon on a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (375 deg.) 10 to 15 minutes.
Yield: 3 dozen.

PEANUT DROP COOKIES

Sift
2 cups flour, measure and sift twice with
2½ teaspoons baking powder and
¼ teaspoon salt. Reserve
¼ cup to dredge peanuts. Cream
½ cup butter and
1½ cups light brown sugar thoroughly. Add
2 eggs, one at a time, and beat until well blended. Mix in dry ingredients and
¼ cup milk alternately. Add
1 tablespoon grated orange and
1 cup chopped peanuts. Drop by teaspoon on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400 deg.) 8 to 10 minutes.
Yield: 4 dozen.

MARMALADE COOKIES

Sift
2 cups flour, measure and sift twice with
2 teaspoons baking powder and
½ teaspoon salt. Beat
1 egg and whip in
2/3 cup sugar and
½ cup orange marmalade. Gradually add the flour. Then add
1/3 cup melted butter and beat until thoroughly blended. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (375 deg.) for 12 to 15 minutes.
Yield: 2 dozen.

COCONUT MACAROONS

Beat
2 egg whites until stiff, and fold in
1 cup sugar gradually, then add
½ teaspoon vanilla. Gently fold in
½ cup coconut and
2 cups rice flakes. Drop by tablespoonfuls on lightly oiled cookie sheet. Bake in a slow oven (300 deg.) for 15 to 20 minutes, or until crisp and delicately brown. Makes 1½ dozen macaroons.

SPRITZBAKKELERS (SWEDISH)

Sift
2 cups flour, measure and sift twice with
½ teaspoon salt. Work
1 cup butter until creamy, add
½ cup sugar gradually and beat until very light.
Add
1 well beaten egg yolk and
½ teaspoon almond flavouring. Gradually add flour, mixing thoroughly. Chill. Roll thin and cut or force through a cookie press onto baking sheet. Bake in a hot oven (450 deg.) about 7 minutes.

Yield: 4 dozen.
Approximate cost—20 cents.

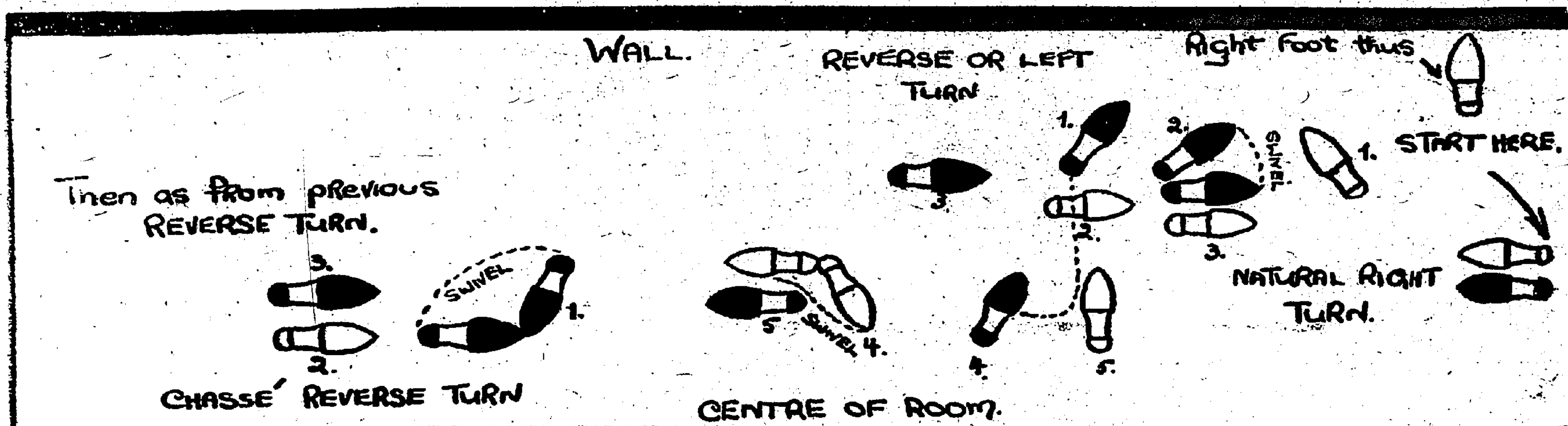
CHINESE ALMOND CAKES

Sift
1½ cups flour, measure and sift twice with
¼ teaspoon salt. Cream
3 teaspoons butter and
¾ cup sugar thoroughly. Beat in
2 eggs—one at a time. Add
¾ cup finely ground almonds
1 teaspoon grated orange rind and
½ teaspoon almond flavouring and beat until very light. Gradually stir in flour. Drop by teaspoon on heavy wax paper. Place on cookie sheet and bake in a moderately hot oven (400 deg.) 10 minutes or until light golden brown.
Yield: 2 dozen.
Approximate cost 55 cents.

DATE MERINGUES

Blanch
½ cup almonds, dry thoroughly and chop.
Cut
1 cup (½ pkg) pitted dates into eighths with wet scissors. Beat
2 egg whites until stiff but not dry. Beat in
1 cup confectioners sugar or
2/3 cup fine granulated sugar—one third at a time. Add
¼ teaspoon salt and
½ teaspoon vanilla. Fold in the dates and nuts. Drop the mixture by rounded teaspoonfuls in smooth mounds on a well-oiled baking sheet or inverted dripping pan. Bake in a slow oven (275 deg.) for about thirty minutes. The meringues will be dry on the surface and very slightly coloured. Cool for one minute before removing from the pan with a spatula or broad-bladed knife.
Yield—about 24 meringues.

Learn Dancing With Me!



STEPS OF THE QUICKSTEP BY SANTOS CASANI

(Famous Teacher of Dancing)

You have mastered through practice the Quarter Turns and the Cross Chasse of the Quickstep since learning them in the last lesson, and will now appreciate what a joy it is to be able to dance them smoothly and with absolute comfort. Remember you must not attempt, under any circumstances whatever, to elaborate these movements. A good and perfect dancer is known by the simplicity, neatness and absence of every suggestion of effort: a graceful dancer is one making graceful natural movement a habit of life.

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ing. Count Quick, 1 beat.
3. Close the Right foot to the Left foot. You are now back to your Line of Dance, having turned half a turn. Count Quick, 1 beat.

4. Step back on the Left foot turning to the Right. Count Slow, 2 beats.

5. Pull the Right foot back to the side of the Left foot and about 6 inches away from it (not more) both feet now flat. Count Slow, 2 beats.

6. Brush the Left foot to the Right foot and forward all in one movement. Take it forward flat. Count Slow, 2 beats.

Turn just over three-quarters of a turn on these 6 steps. From here you can go conveniently into a —

Reverse or Left Turn

1. Forward on the Left foot turning to the Left. This step will be also the last step of the Natural Turn. Otherwise you have to introduce a walking step between the last step of the Natural Turn and the first step of the Reverse Turn. Count Slow, 2 beats.

2. Step to the side on the Right foot rising on to the ball of the foot. This is a short step and you should turn sufficiently on these two steps to

bring you backing along your Line of Dance. The man covers more ground than the girl on this step and so all the girl has to do is to bring her feet together. (This is called a Heel Turn and the Main turn in this instance is executed on the Right heel.) Count Slow, 2 beats.

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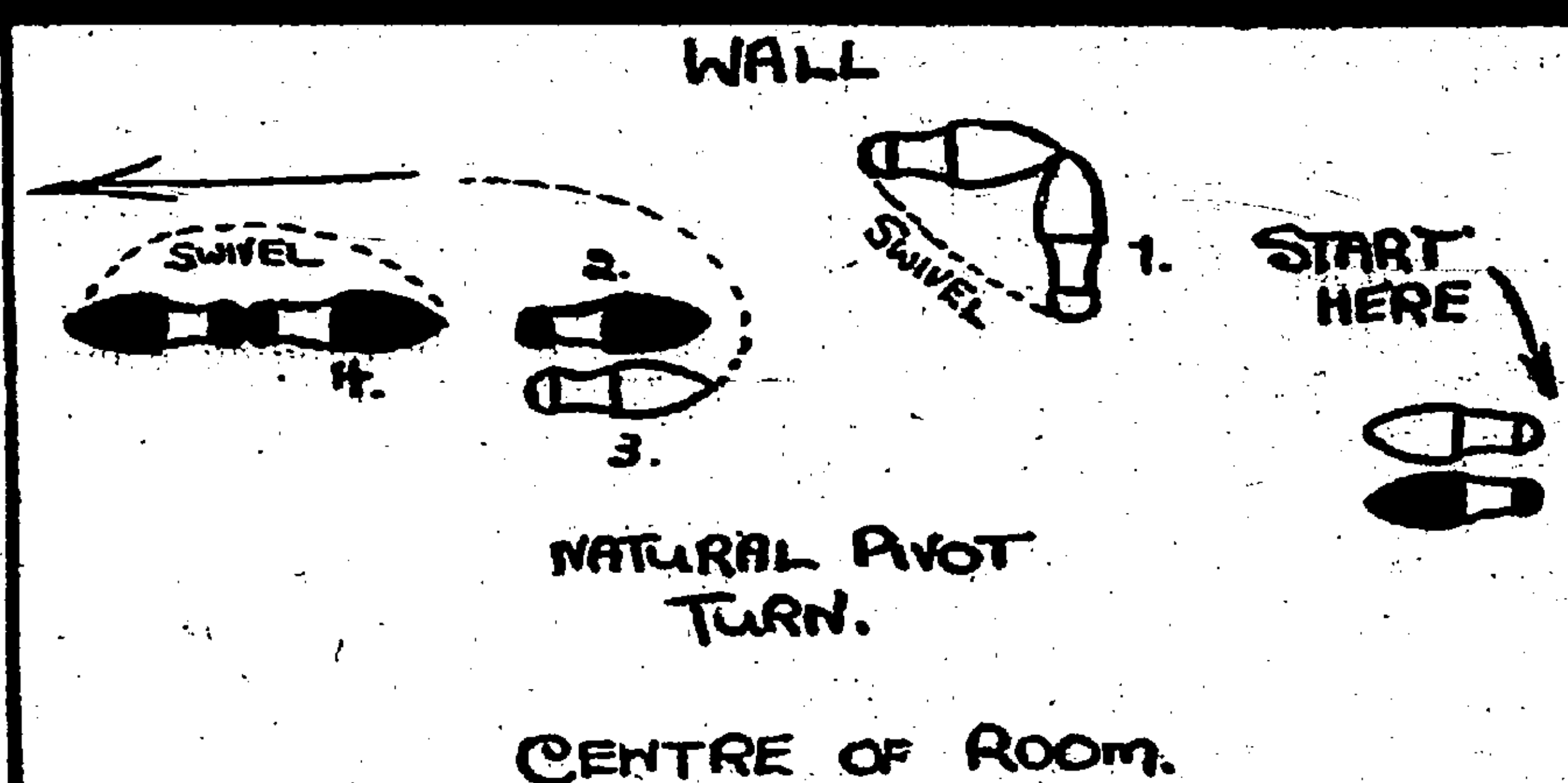
7. Step forward on the flat Left foot. Count Slow, 2 beats.

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Another Reverse Turn —

The Chasse Reverse Turn

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2. Step to the side on the ball of the Right foot. Count Quick, 1 beat.

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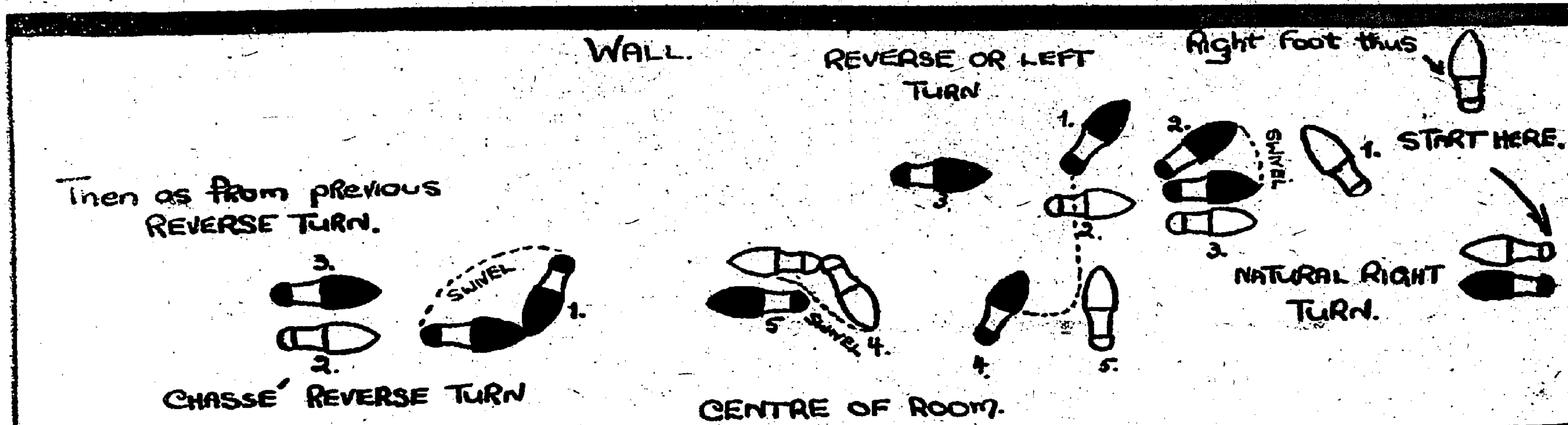
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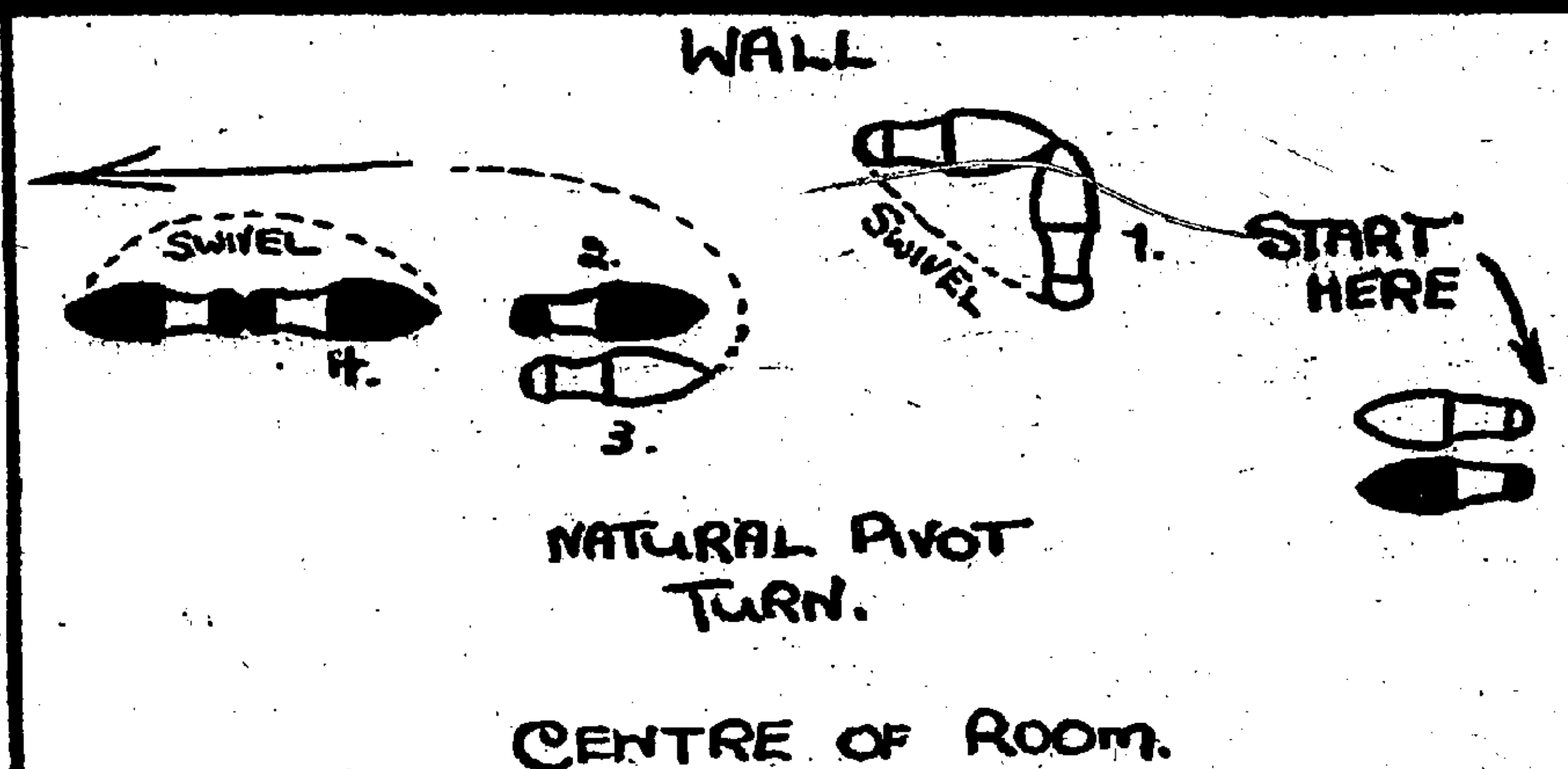
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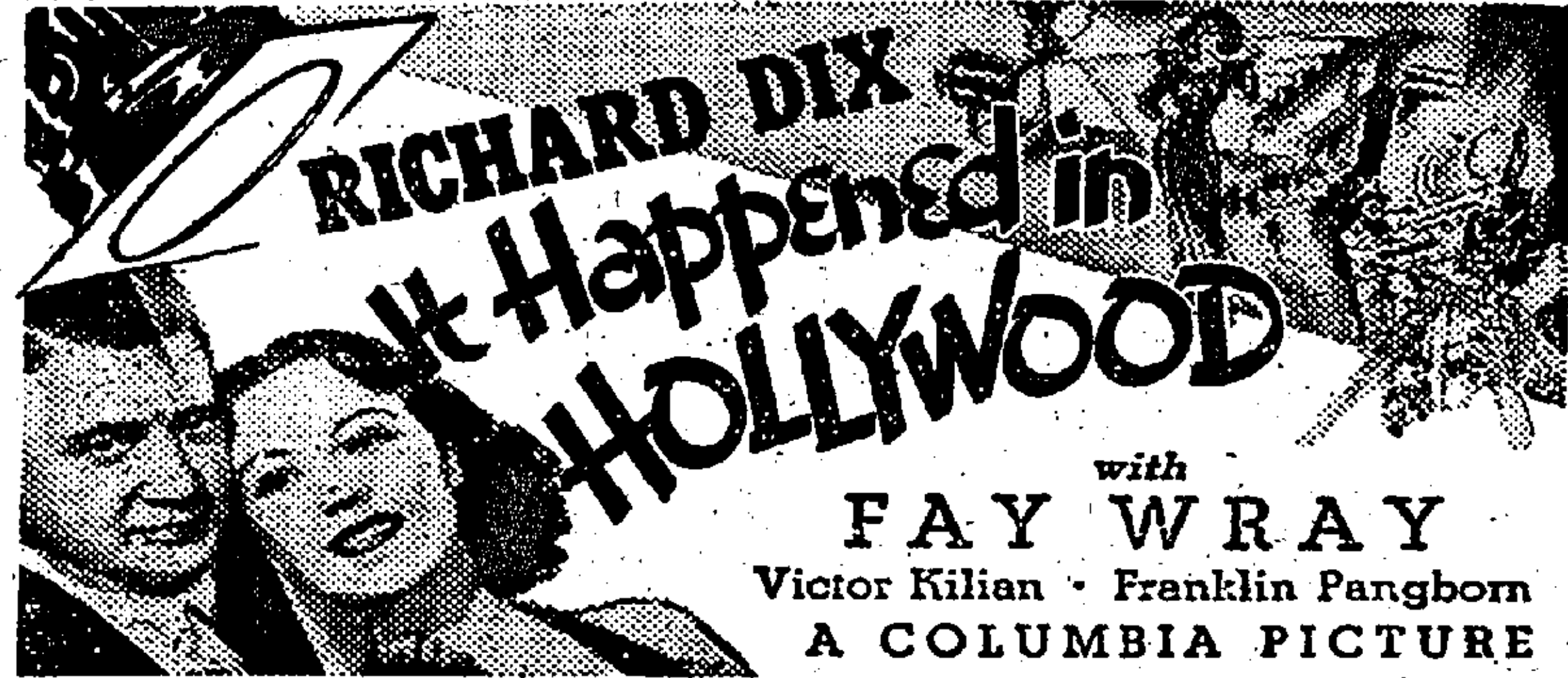
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FOR WAR IN
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Tokyo, To-day.

Hikari Nishio, the noted naval critic, urges the Government to build super-dreadnoughts if Britain declines to supply Japan with information regarding specifications of the Rodney and Nelson.

He proposes creation of an international inquiry commission to ascertain, with Britain's permission, the specifications of Britain's most powerful battle-ships.

Meanwhile, the "Chugai Shogyo," the commercial daily, commenting on the current naval race, says there seems no chance for a disarmament conference in view of the statement by the U.S. Secretary of State that the race was brought about by Japan's refusal to give information on her building plans.

MARKING JAPAN

The foreign powers used the Japanese refusal to justify their expansion programme.

The paper points out that Britain is already the world's strongest naval power, while the U.S. "has not the slightest fear of invasion by a foreign foe nor a feeling of insecurity regarding national defence."

"Both Britain and the U.S. intend to expand their navies with possible future hostilities in the Far East as the object in view."

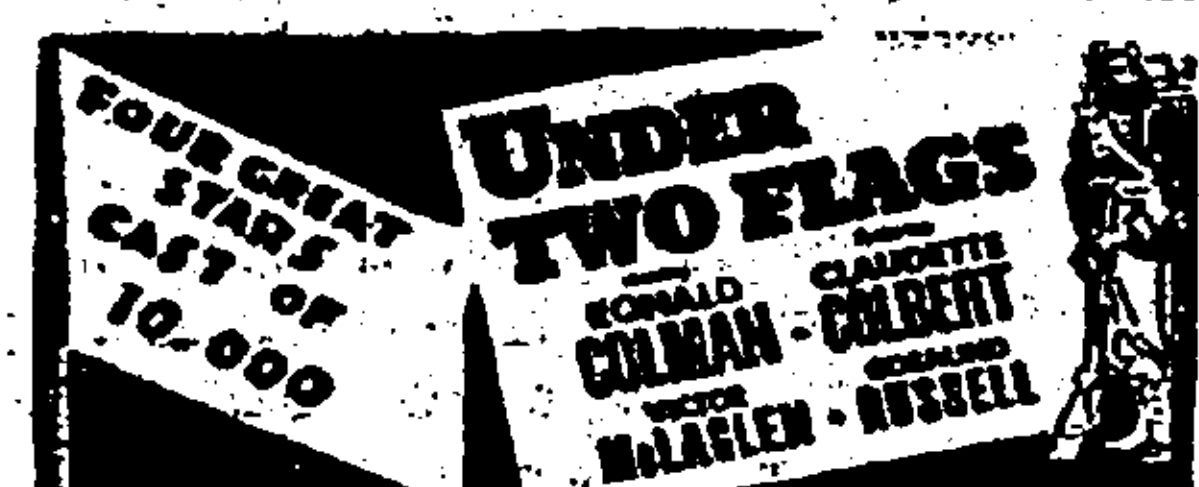
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London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether he would take steps to prohibit the importation of Chinese liquid eggs to prevent the risk of typhoid infection from this source, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Minister of Health, declined.

He added that laboratory examinations of Chinese eggs had not revealed the presence of disease producing organisms.—Reuter.

**WHITE PAPER
ON INDIA CRISIS
PROMISED**

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords, the Marquess of Lothian asked the Secretary for India if he would issue a White Paper giving information in the "unfortunate crisis that had arisen between His Majesty's Ministers in certain provinces in India and the Governors" and, in particular, any statements issued by the Governors explaining their attitude.

Lord Zetland replied: "I profoundly regret that two of the Ministries have found it necessary to resign, more particularly as it seems to me that the difference between them and the Governor-General, which was the cause of their resignation, seems to have been one of degree rather than of kind, as I hope will become clear when I supply the information for which Lord Lothian has asked. I shall be only too happy to provide the House with the information. A White Paper will be issued with the least possible delay."—British Wireless.

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ROOSEVELT NAVAL PLANS FOR EXPANSION TO COST OVER THOUSAND MILLIONS

Washington, To-day.

Rear-Admiral Dubose, Chief of Naval Construction, testified before the naval affairs committee yesterday that President Roosevelt's expansion programme will cost over \$1,000,000,000.

He estimated that 46 warships will cost \$731,095,000, 22 auxiliaries will cost \$246,451,000 and minesweepers and tenders will cost \$72,000,000.

The estimates are exclusive of the cost of 1,000 fighting planes.

Rear-Admiral Dubose said that the navy had no plans for materially changing the size of the two 35,000-ton warships provided in the 1939 Navy Supply Bill.

Members of the committee pointed out that only a relatively small portion of the \$1,000,000,000 would be expended in 1939.—Reuter.

LATEST TOKYO POLITICAL MOVE

Tokyo, To-day.

Convocation of an emergency general meeting of the Seiyukai Party, to discuss dissolution of the party and affiliation with the projected national political organisation, is urged by Ichiro Kone, the party leader.

A group of members of the Seiyukai Party has already discussed the question at a meeting in the Diet building.—Reuter.

COST OF LIVING IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Labour cost of living index at February 1st showed a fall to 57 per cent. above the level of July 1914 from 59 per cent. at January 1st, but a rise from 51 per cent. in February, 1936.—British Wireless.

U.S. MARINES COMMAND WINS POINT

Shanghai, To-day.

Incidents arising out of the Japanese attempts to send patrols into the United States defence sectors have been amicably settled as the result of negotiations between the Japanese military and American marine authorities.

The American marine authorities announced yesterday afternoon that the "Japanese Army authorities have expressed regrets to the Marine authorities that operations of Japanese patrols have given rise to controversies and stated that instructions have been issued to the gendarmes not to extend their routine patrols into the United States sector."

IMPORTANT PRECEDENT

During the past few days four attempts were made by Japanese patrols to enter the American defence sector by Nanking Road but each time they were turned back at the Thibet Road intersection by American marines.

The American authorities took the view that maintenance of order in their defence sector was entirely their own business and in having this more or less acknowledged by the Japanese they are regarded as having established an important precedent.—Reuter.

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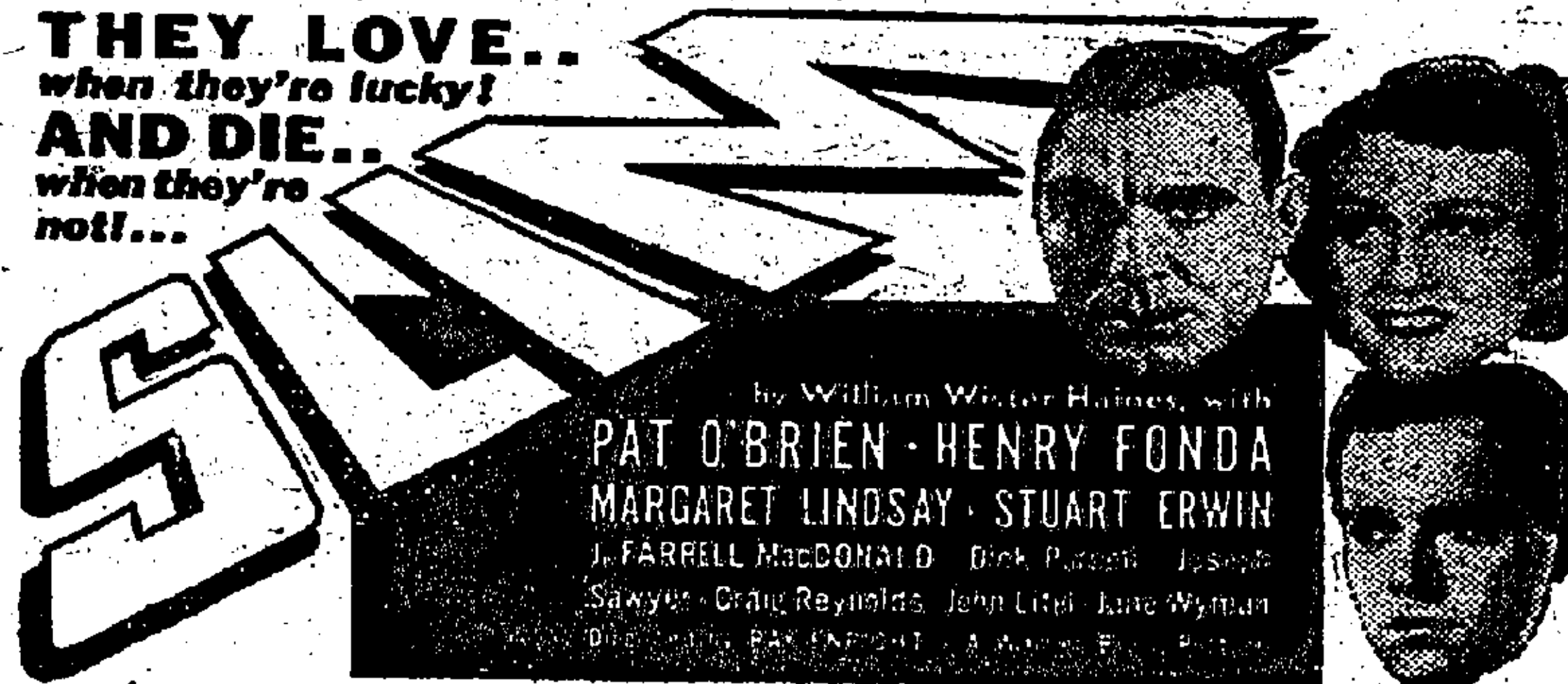
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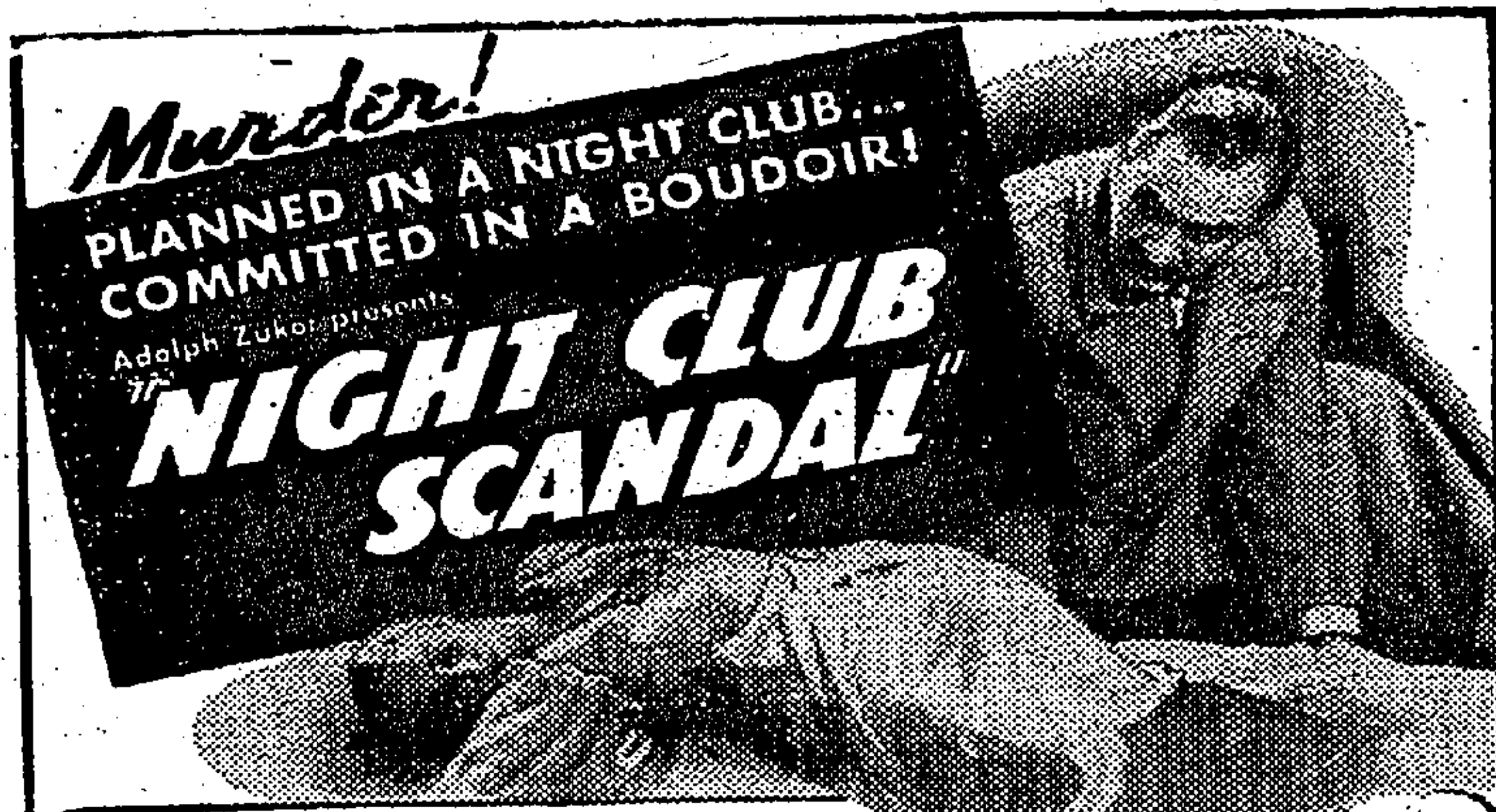
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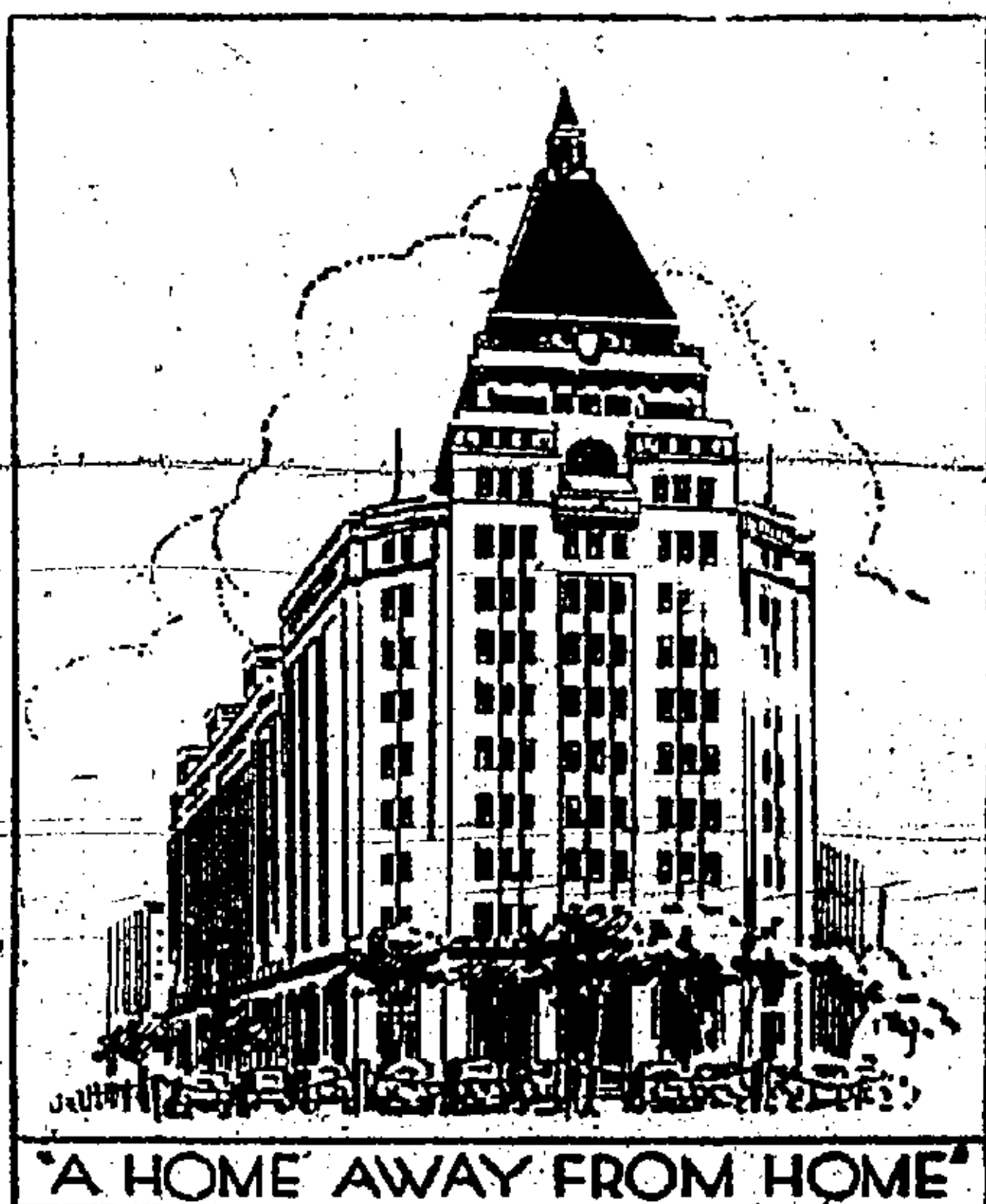
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H.K. TRAMWAYS CARRYING MILLION PASSENGERS EVERY WEEK

AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL YEAR DURING WHICH SEVERAL LONG-STANDING RECORDS WERE SMASHED, WAS REPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LTD., WHICH WAS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY THIS MORNING.

Further additions to the fleet of tramcars was also announced in keeping with the Company's policy of maintaining an adequate service for the public although it was emphasised that there would probably be an excess of rolling stock over requirements when local conditions became normal once again.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman, said:—

We have not only experienced a very prosperous year but we have passed through one of the most eventful years in the Company's history. The increase in the volume of traffic handled has continued and several records have been created including the number of passengers carried, miles operated and monthly tickets issued. Coronation week returned the highest number of passengers—1,175,000 exclusive of monthly ticket holders—and exceeded the number carried during Jubilee week 1935 by 323,000.

Compared with 1936 last year's receipts were higher by \$305,538 whilst the car-miles rose from 3,651,845 to 4,124,416.

The year's net profit rose by \$226,094 or a fraction under 42 per cent.

STRIKING FIGURES

Except for the Coronation festivities it is to the abnormal traffic during the last four months of the year that we must look for an explanation of these remarkable figures. Other people's troubles are largely responsible for the benefits that have accrued to us. These benefits will not last.

Since August 19th last when the "Rajputana" arrived with the first shipload of refugees from Shanghai there has been a constant influx of people into the Colony both from the north and from Canton. In 1936 we carried less than 35 million passengers. We are now carrying a million per week.

There were, indeed, no less than 17 ordinary weeks during the last 4 months of the year in which the passengers carried by tramcar exceeded the number carried during Jubilee week 1935.

Though I have tried to make it clear that this heavy traffic is abnormal and that the majority of the visitors now in the Colony are transient, your Board has, nevertheless, decided to order six additional tramcars. This will bring our fleet to 103 against a fleet of only 57 in 1922.

Although this may mean an excess of rolling stock over maximum requirements later on, we must—as a Public Utility Company—be in a position to cater for the peak load on all occasions.

NEW YEAR RECORD

Whilst on this subject perhaps I should say that traffic receipts for China New Year week last month exceeded the receipts for the corresponding week of 1937 by 25 per cent, and that the number of passengers carried on the 30th of last month (China New Year's eve) were only slightly under a quarter of a million and were in excess of the number carried on Coronation day last year.

I have been asked by a shareholder to explain the Royalty position. This was mentioned in the annual speech in February 1933 and again in February 1934 but perhaps the position might be explained afresh.

As you are aware, from October 1933 the rate of Royalty payable to the Hong Kong Government increases from 5 per cent. to 25 per cent on the working profit. In the accounts, \$68,000 has been written off annually against Goodwill and Construction Expenses which will have become extinguished in 1938. This charge together with the appropriation to General Reserve now regularly debited in Profit and Loss Account or at least some part of it will thus be available from the time that our increased Royalty becomes effective.

In other words preparation for the increased Royalty—the first full

year's payment of which will not be made until February 1941, for 1940—has for many years been kept in mind by your Board who have framed the financial policy of the Company to ensure as far as is possible that the larger payments after 1940 will not prove a disturbing factor in future accounts.

NEW INVESTMENTS

During the year a further \$268,736 have been invested but no additional revenue comes in until next year. In the meantime the yield from investments not only has been maintained but shows some improvement.

Investments now total \$1,504,745. Taken at the depressed conditions under which 1937 closed the stock market valuation noted in the Balance Sheet is 15.3 per cent. under cost. Some improvement in prices since 31st December has however been seen and the percentage of difference to-day is less than 12 per cent. This difference is very slight when set against the General Reserves.

Capital expenditure carried out to Tramway Undertaking Account during the year amounted to \$108,206, this largely in respect of new rolling stock. The additional amount of \$17,146 under the head "Other Property" refers to the purchase of new land on King's Road, the site of the future tramcar depot.

Depreciation has been allowed on the usual full scale and with it the annual appropriation of \$68,000 written off Goodwill and Construction Expenses.

LARGE RESERVE

A transfer of \$100,000 (as in 1936). The General Reserve will also be noted. The General Reserve Account now stands at \$1,000,000.

An Interim Dividend of 30 cents a share costing \$195,000 was paid in August last. The Board now recommends a Final Dividend of 60 cents a share amounting to \$390,000.

Thus in 1937 90 cents has been paid for the whole year as against 60 cents for 1936 and the balance of \$115,882.90 is carried forward now against \$101,661.51 in 1936.

I think I ought to repeat what I said last year that our tram fares are extremely low and are probably the lowest of any road passenger transport undertaking in the world.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, in seconding, congratulated the directors and staff for the excellent results returned, following which the report and accounts were adopted.

KOWLOON GODOWN DIVIDEND

The Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. report that, subject to audit, the balance at Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1937, is \$955,738.51 which together with 208,623.14 brought forward from the previous year makes a total of \$1,164,411.65 available for appropriation.

While this Company has benefitted from abnormal conditions which existed in the latter part of 1937 the first half of the year had already shown a most material improvement over 1936. No increases in rates have been made since the trouble started.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of Shareholders, recommend the following distribution:—

To pay a Dividend of \$8.50 per share	\$765,000.00
To transfer to Repairs and Renewals A/C	150,000.00
To carry forward to next account	249,411.65
	\$1,164,411.65

Chan Pak-cheung was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to provide proper number plates to his car.

IMPORTANCE OF JAPANESE DRIVE ON YELLOW RIVER

Foreign Military Assessment Of Situation

The Great Dividing Line In Honan Province

Shanghai, To-day.

Foreign military observers here regard the Japanese march towards the Yellow River as the most important development in the Sino-Japanese hostilities since the fall of Nanking.

These operations, and the attendant thrust to the Lunghai Railway, are considered rather more vital than the battle for Hsuechowfu.

The two main objectives of the Japanese are

Firstly, to gain control of the Lunghai Railway, and

Secondly, to form a junction between the forces operating from north and south.

In accomplishing these objectives they would possess the only railway running into the very heart of China, and would obtain full control of Kiangsu, Shantung and Hopei.

GREAT DIVIDE

Observers lay a great deal of emphasis upon the moral effect upon the Japanese if they cross the section of the Yellow River traversing Honan, which for many centuries has been the great dividing line.

This achievement would make the Japanese feel they had made a major advance in the campaign.

Japanese operations, however, will continue to present difficulties as long as Changteh, in North Honan, remains their base of operations, for it is a good 75 miles from the Yellow River.

GENERALSHIP

Under efficient generalship, foreign observers believe, it would not be difficult for the Chinese to prevent the Japanese crossing the Yellow River, but Chinese failures elsewhere have not stimulated optimism.

Once across the Yellow River the Japanese would be able to reach Chengchow without difficulty.

CROSSBAR

A glance at the map shows that the Lunghai Railway is a sort of crossbar between the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Railways.

Fall of either of the two junction cities — Chengchow or Hsuechowfu — is expected by observers to make the other untenable except at the risk of huge casualties. — Reuter.

BRITISH MISSION TO PORTUGAL

London, To-day.

The British Service Mission to Portugal will leave Southampton on the R.M.S. Alcantara to-day.

The purpose of the Mission, which consists of Vice-Admiral Wodehouse, Colonel Daly and Group Captain Field, is to establish closer contact between the services of the two countries in view

JAPANESE SAY TSINING IS NOT ABANDONED

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Japanese reports, Tsining has not been abandoned by the Japanese as reported yesterday afternoon in Chinese despatches.

It is stated that street fighting is continuing.

Another report which not admitted in Japanese military circles here is that Mingkwong was re-captured by the Chinese yesterday. This town has been besieged for several days and it is possible that the Chinese have entered the city as they have been considerably re-inforced during the past week.

At every point along the Tientsin-Pukow Line the Chinese forces have been swelled by thousands of fresh troops from other provinces. Additional soldiers are said to have been sent from Szechuan lately. — Our Own Correspondent.

AMERICAN USE OF SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE?

London, To-day.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) will ask Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, on Feb. 22 "if the British Government would be prepared to enter into negotiations with the United States Government for the latter's use, by lease or otherwise, of a portion of the Singapore naval dock." — Reuter.

of the common maritime interests and the long established friendships which exist between Great Britain and Portugal. — British Wireless.

EURASIA SERVICE RESUMED

Hankow, To-day.

The Eurasia Aviation Corporation has resumed the regular air mail and passenger service between Sianfu, Lanchow and Ninghsia. — Reuter.

CHORAL CONCERT AT ALBERT HALL

London, To-day.

The King and Queen will attend a concert on Empire Day at the Royal Albert Hall on the lines of that given by King George V. Command in 1935.

It is their majesties wish that the concert shall fulfil the same two aims as that of Jubilee Year—to exemplify and encourage the nation's music making at its best and to benefit musicians in need.

The concert will be broadcast at home and to the Empire.

Choral delegates from some 200 choirs in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Channel Isles will be invited. These will join with 550 members of the Royal Albert Hall Choir and other Choral Societies of Greater London. It is hoped it may be found possible to include a small contingent representative of the Dominions. — British Wireless.

LI CHUNG-YEN CONFIDENT OF HOLDING ON

HSUCHOW, TO-DAY.

GENERAL LI CHUNG YEN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FIFTH ROUTE ARMY, EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE CHINESE FORCES TO HOLD THE LUNGHAI RAILWAY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

He said the Chinese defence tactics were elastic. Whichever direction the Japanese concentrated their attack, they were immediately diverted by Chinese forces operating in another direction. The Japanese high command directing the campaign in the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway was in a quandary, he added.

Despite the fact that the Japanese have established a position on the northern bank of the Hwai River, they find it impossible to make a further advance northward and majority have been withdrawn to the southern side of the river to deal with Chinese troops, who are bringing heavy pressure on the Japanese flanks.

According to an official communique, the Chinese forces holding the area to the north of the Hwai River staged a large-scale counter-attack and inflicted hundreds of casualties on the Japanese. The city of Hwaiyuan, held by the Japanese, is now under Chinese siege. — Hua Nan.

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LEAGUE HEALTH EXPERTS AT HANKOW

Hankow, To-day.

Health experts commissioned to China by the health section of the League of Nations, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Assembly last October, arrived in Hankow yesterday.

Aim of the mission is to co-operate with the Chinese Health Administration to cope with the outbreak of epidemics as the result of the present hostilities.

Members of the group are Messrs. Mooger, Wingeller and Etter (Swiss), Relaiter (German), Jettmar (Austrian) and Robertson (British).

They will shortly pay a visit to Hupeh, Hunan, Honan, Shansi, Szechuen and Kiangsi, where they will organise epidemic prevention work under the direction of the Chinese Health Administration.

The Chinese Foreign Office has

JUNK MASTER WOUNDED

A fight, on board a sand-junk, which resulted in the master of the junk, Fu Wong, being wounded in the shoulder by a revolver shot, occurred on board junk 3922 off Cheung Chau Island yesterday.

The police arrived on the scene soon after the incident, but have so far failed to trace the culprit, who had absconded.

The victim was transferred from the Cheung Chau Hospital to the Queen Mary Hospital last evening, and is reported to be in a favourable condition.

QUEEN MARIE'S ILLNESS

Bucharest, To-day.

Queen Marie of Rumania, who has been seriously ill for the past year, yesterday left for Italy to undergo special treatment.—Reuter.

instructed local authorities to give the mission every facility necessary to aid their work.—Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd February, 1938. (RACE MEETING).

Hong Kong, 14th February, 1938.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY the 9th day of March 1938, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1937, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

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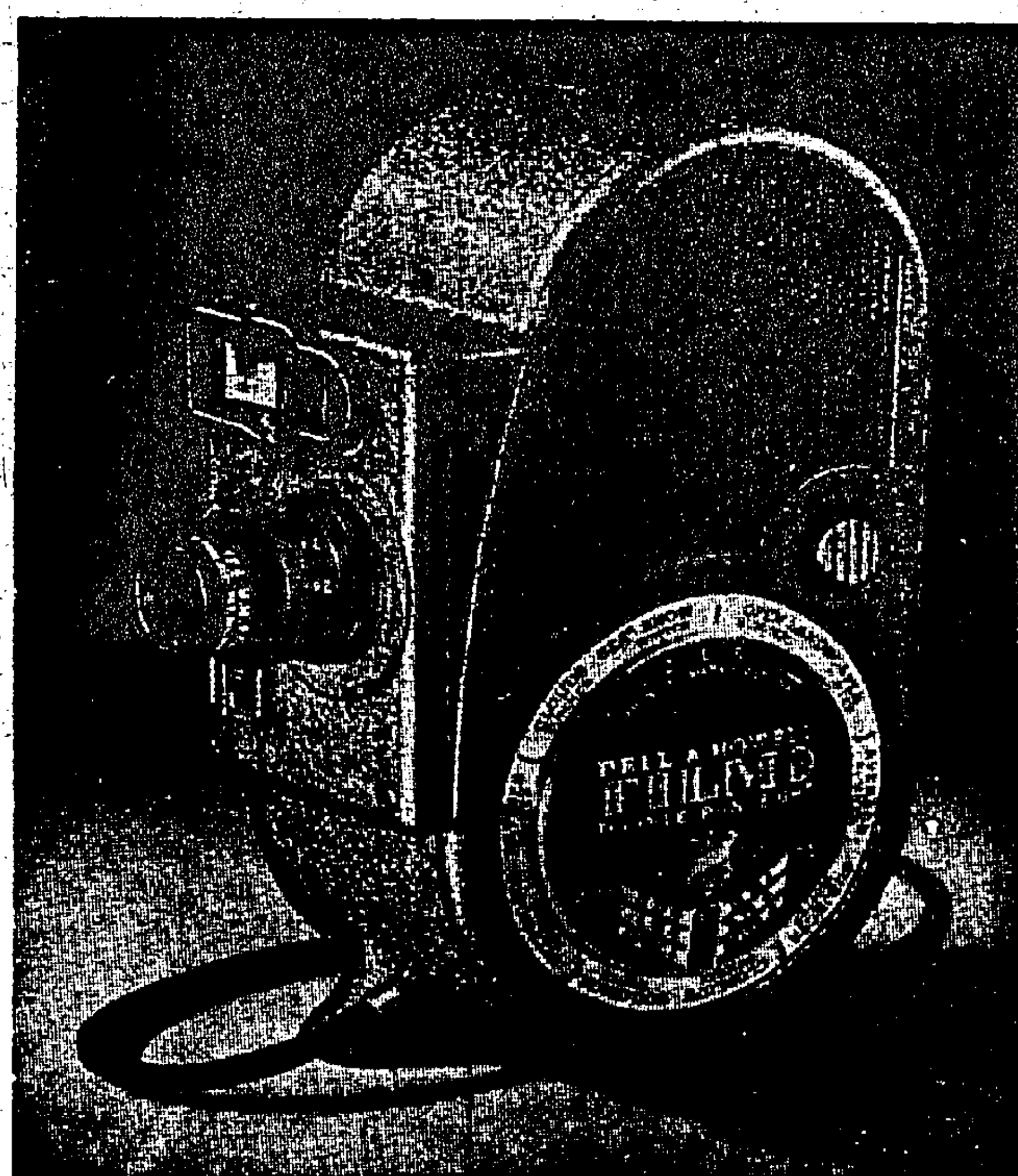
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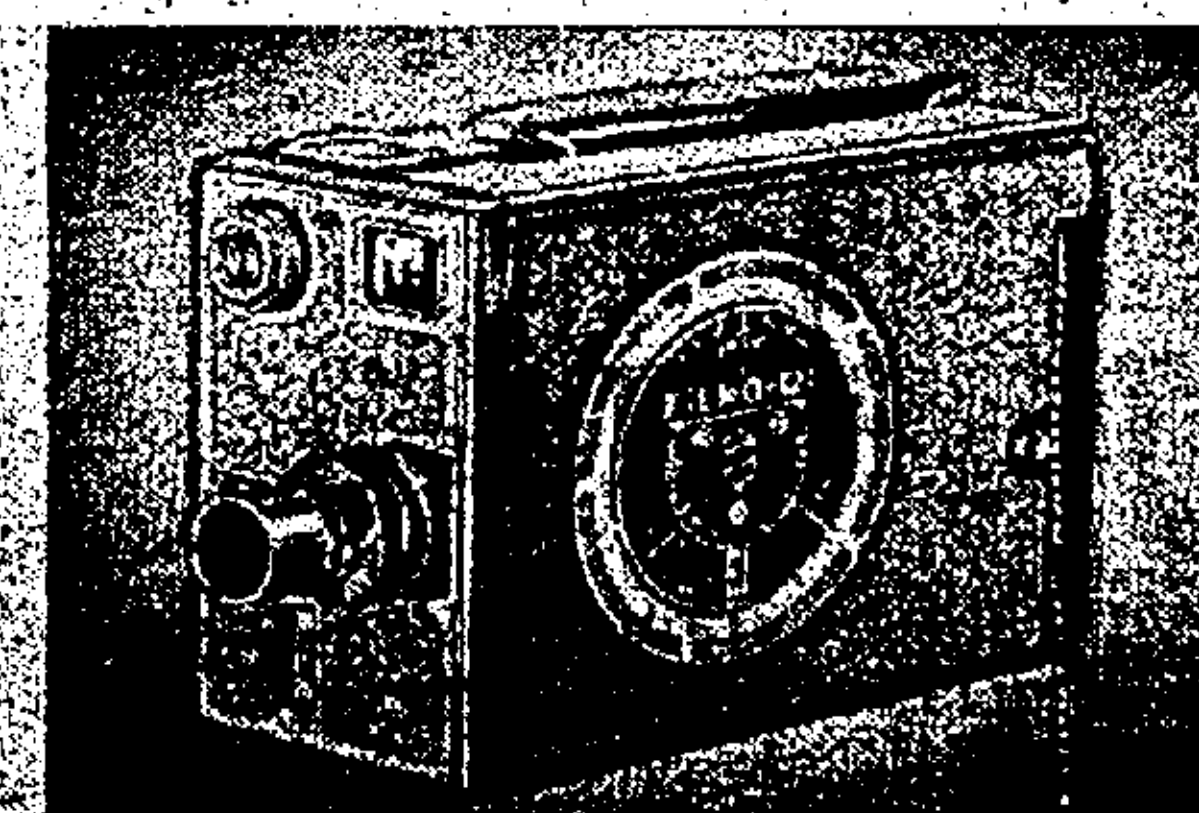
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"Peaceful Revision And Change Were Required"

FRANCE AWAITING ON HERR HITLER'S REICHSTAG SPEECH

London, To-day.

The policy of the British Government continued to be inspired by the joint resolution of the Stresa Conference, declared Lord Halifax, replying for the Government in yesterday's debate on foreign affairs.

Lord Halifax added, however, that the efficiency of that resolution depended upon the loyal co-operation of all parties to it—Britain, France and Italy—and not on the British Government alone.

As far as the resolution referred to maintenance of the independence of Austria, the Government was not yet in a position to estimate the effects of the recent Austro-German agreement, but they were watching the situation developing with close attention.

PEACEFUL REVISION

Lord Halifax reaffirmed Britain's desire for peace and world appeasement, and, referring to Germany, said that the Government was pursuing with energy examination of questions raised when he visited Berlin.

He added: "Not the least of the problems confronting us to-day is to make provision for securing peace, which may not exclude peaceful revision and change where such may rightly be required."—Reuter.

M. PONCET TO MAKE ENQUIRIES

Paris, To-day.

It is semi-officially admitted that the French Ambassador in Berlin, M. Francois Poncet, has been instructed to sound the German Government on the events in Austria, but there is no question of a demarche, nor are Britain and France acting jointly.

The French attitude towards Austria, one source said last night, is based on the sanctity of treaties. France's official attitude is not expected to be stated until Herr Hitler makes his Reichstag speech on Sunday.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, will probably make a statement on Tuesday next before the foreign affairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies, and will also make a statement in the Chamber on February 24 or 25.—Trans-Ocean.

PRAGUE VIEW

Prague, To-day.

"On the whole one can remain calm in Central Europe for the time being," says the semi-official Czecho-Slovakian newspaper commenting on the Austrian developments.

The paper says: "If Britain, France and Italy do not object, we will act in co-operation with Austria."—Trans-Ocean.

MINISTER CALLS ON MR. EDEN

London, To-day.

The Austrian Minister called at the Foreign Office yesterday and saw the Foreign Secretary. It is assumed that Baron Frankenstein would be in a position to supplement the information which His Majesty's Government have already obtained as a result of the enquiries made earlier in the week in pursuance of normal diplomatic practice by His Majesty's Ambassador and Minister respectively in Berlin and Vienna regarding the conversations between Herr Hitler and Doctor Schuschnigg and the new Austro-German agreement.—British Wireless.

ZEISS-INQUART SEES HITLER

Berlin, To-day.

Herr Zeiss-Inquart, the new Austrian Minister of Interior, arrived here at 8.30 yesterday morning in a private coach attached to the regular express from Vienna.

He was welcomed at the station by many representatives of the German Government.

Herr Zeiss-Inquart will confer with German Government leaders on various matters pertaining to the new Austro-German agreement.

His first visit was to Herr Hitler.—Trans-Ocean.

OTHER CALLS

Berlin, To-day.

An announcement says that Herr Zeiss-Inquart also conferred yesterday with the chief of the German police, Herr Himmler, and the Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop.

In the afternoon he called on Field-Marshal Goering with whom he conferred for some time.

The Austrian Minister will probably return to Vienna by plane at noon to-day (Friday).—Trans-Ocean.

GOERING AND JAP. AMBASSADOR

Berlin, To-day.

It is semi-officially announced that the Japanese Ambassador conversed with Field-Marshal Goering yesterday on "questions of interest to Germany and Japan."—Reuter.

ARCHDUKE ON BORDER

Paris, To-day.

The heir to the Austrian throne, the Archduke Otto, left his home in a Belgian castle yesterday for an unknown destination.

"Le Paris Midi" says that the Archduke has gone to the Principality of Liechtenstein.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALY CONTENT

Rome, To-day.

First semi-official Italian comment on the developments in Austria appears in the "Informazione Diplomatica."

The paper says that responsible Italian circles regard the Hitler-Schuschnigg talks, and the subsequent decision of the Austrian Chancellor, as a natural development of Austro-German relations in the light of the agreement of July, 1936.

Collaboration between Austria and Germany is welcomed by the Italian Government as "guarantee-

SECRET SPEECH BY DR. SCHUSCHNIGG

Vienna, To-day.

The whole of Austria yesterday awaited with intense interest the speech of Chancellor Schuschnigg, which was expected to reveal further political developments.

Hopes, however, were disappointed, as the speech was made before leaders of the Patriotic Front, and was kept secret.

It is known, however, that Dr. Schuschnigg gave a detailed account of the events of the past few days.—Trans-Ocean.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Formosa against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

It is learned that the Islington Corinthians are being entertained by Mamak and Co. at the Peninsula Hotel at 4.15 p.m. to-day.

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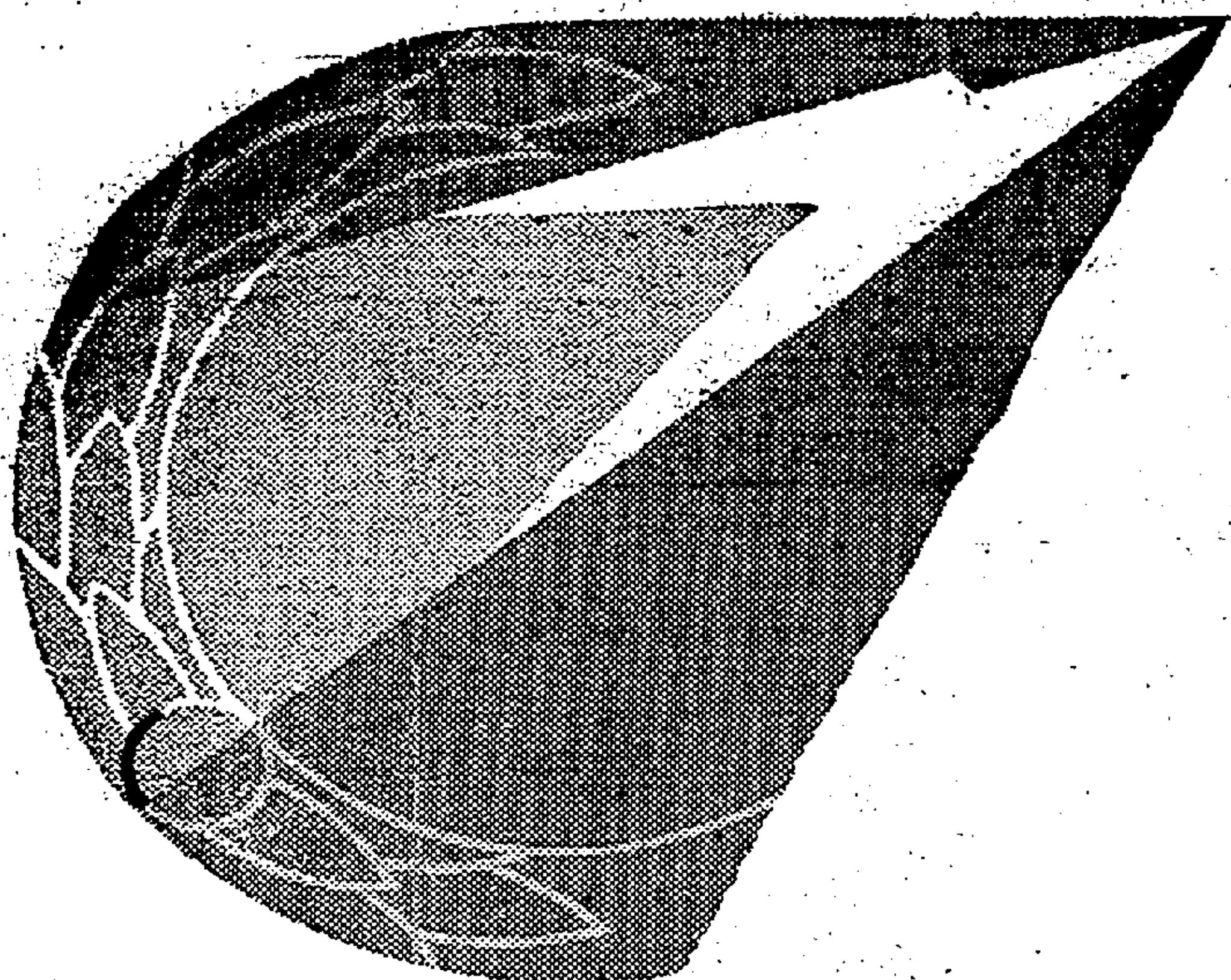
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FOREIGN NEWS COVERAGE

Once again London is talking of measures to enable the Far East to secure comprehensive news services from the British Isles. The difference this time is that it is possible to detect in the official attitude a genuine intention to do something and a full realisation that the essence of the contract is that the news shall be supplied through such channels as will bring it within the capacity of Far East newspapers to pay.

Not that the issue raised is nearly so serious as speakers in Parliament apparently suggest. The advance made by Hong Kong newspapers, for instance, over the past few years in the direction of increased services from overseas has been tremendous though its extent can only be realised by those acquainted with the issues of nine or ten years ago. Both in quantity and quality, giant strides have been taken, and that in spite of the suspension of a subsidy which was at one time granted by the Hong Kong Government to enable a satisfactory Reuter service to be available. Since then, at a price, Reuter's services to Hong Kong have been greatly expanded, while other services have entered the field to permit a complete picture of world affairs to be presented daily.

The official attitude has not always been helpful. Quite recently, for instance, a well-known Straits paper entered into arrangements for a special service of British news. To bring the scheme financially within the

power of the journal, a wireless receiving permit in Singapore was essential. The Straits Government rejected the application and an independent effort to do what M.P.s are to-day treating as a matter of urgency was torpedoed.

The change of heart has, it is evident, developed from the pressure from outside. This is interesting because Mr. Lees-Jones's motion referred to the "evil effects" of propaganda of a tendentious or misleading character. If it has the effect of awakening Britain to the possibilities of providing comprehensive news coverage for the Colonies by the intelligent use of radio, it may be possible to view its effects as not altogether evil.

Prophets of Peace

In 1858 Sir Richard Owen expressed the confident hope that the Trans-Atlantic telegraph and other applications of pure science would "tend to abolish wars over the whole earth." And in 1899 Michael Foster said: "The very greatness of the modern power of destruction is already becoming a bar to its use, and bids fair—may we hope before long?—wholly to put an end to it."

Have these expectations entirely been stultified by the events? Michael Foster's hope has certainly not yet been fulfilled. Within fifteen years of its utterance the World War broke out and showed indeed the greatness of the modern power of destruction, but no diminution of the will to use it. Nor has the lesson of that terrific destructive power been fully learned. It has not hindered increasing armament or resort to war and incessant threat of war. When one considers the gravity of the outlook to-day, both in Europe and the Far East, one is tempted to conclude that neither the increase of the knowledge of physics nor the increase in the horrors of war have as yet contributed anything to peace.

But such a conclusion would be unduly pessimistic. Over a considerable sphere of the earth's surface Sir Richard Owen's forecast has been fulfilled. Improved communications, due to natural science, have been instrumental in drawing together the members of the British Empire, and so, in spite of other centrifugal influences, in saving its integrity.

But that is not all. The relations between Great Britain and the United States, and between the United States and British Dominions, are such that we cannot imagine war breaking out between them; and that circle of countries which may be counted on to live in amity may be widened to include France and all the smaller northern countries of Europe. It is not true to say that closer communications rendered possible by natural science have done nothing to promote peace.

Nor it is true to say that even Michael Foster's expectation is completely nullified. Wars have not been stopped, but an appreciation of the destructiveness of modern war is undoubtedly to some extent a deterrent. A hopeful fact in the situation to-day is that the masses of the people throughout a large majority of the nations have a strong repugnance to the idea of war, and are far less ready than they once were to be inflamed toward violence by false appeals to patriotism and empire.

CHIANG PREPARING FOR JAPAN'S WATERLOO

Revelations Of Generalissimo's Real Plans

ALLEGED FATAL QUARREL ON GREEN ISLAND

A quarrel between two Indian watchmen, guarding the explosives depot on Green Island, last night is alleged to have led to the death of one of the watchmen, who passed away in the Queen Mary Hospital last night.

Facts regarding the incident are meagre, but it is understood that the men at about 9 p.m. indulged in a savage fight as the result of which one was seriously injured.

The police were notified and one man was sent to hospital, where he died, and the other was detained.

Later.

The dead man was Special Guard No. 9, Hayat Mahomed.

It is alleged that two guards attacked him in the quarters on Green Island and that both his legs were broken. He died at 11 p.m. soon after admission to hospital.

An official police report says that Special Guard No. 18 has been detained in connection with the affair.

WAGER DISPUTE

Investigations reveal that the fight occurred in consequence of a \$10 wager, which deceased had made over a feat of strength and had won.

For some reason, a demand seems to have been made for the return of the money which deceased refused. He was then attacked.

Cause of death is believed to be serious injuries about the neck.

GEN. MATSUI'S ANXIETIES

Shanghai, To-day.

With no more troops coming from Japan, the Japanese Army in China are endeavouring to obtain sanction for troops from Formosa, which are badly needed in Central China where the Chinese have recently met with success after success.

Chinese successes, it is admitted, are causing considerable anxiety in military circles here, who are pressing the Home War Office for additional reinforcements. — Our Own Correspondent.

WEIHWEI CAPTURE CLAIM PREMATURE

Pelping, To-day.

The official claim made by the Japanese yesterday to have captured Weihwei, was modified when the Japanese stated that their advanced forces were engaged in a fierce battle at Weihwei station, a mile or so north of the town, in which they allege that 1,000 Chinese were killed.

The Japanese then swung west-

ward nearer to two other columns pushing along the south-east corner of Shansi province.

Weihwei itself is still in Chinese hands.

Independent Japanese columns advancing along the left bank of the Yellow River from South Hopei have occupied Yangwu.

A new Japanese offensive has been launched in Shansi, and the vanguard of the Japanese forces had entered Pingyao. — Reuter.

Last Great Fight To Be Staged In Hupeh

Hankow, To-day.

The last great positional fighting in the present war, before which the battle for Shanghai and the struggle for the Lunghai Railway are expected to pale, will be fought in the province of Hupeh, possibly near Hankow, in the opinion of competent observers here.

General Chiang Kai-shek hopes to put at least 40 divisions into the field for this battle, and expresses confidence that it will be Japan's Waterloo.

A stream of all the most modern weapons of war— heavy guns, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, machine-guns and automatic rifles—has been steadily flowing to China from abroad.

These weapons are daily distributed to the "new army"—reorganised divisions and new ones from the drilling ground.

If the Chinese are defeated in the coming great battle, the Government and army are withdrawing to the mountains in the North-West and South-West.

The Chinese will try to hold the seven provinces of Szechuen, Yunnan, Kweichow, Kwangsi, Shensi, Kansu and Chinghai.

GUERRILLAS

There will be no more positional fighting, but China's resistance, it is predicted, will be continued unabated in the form of guerilla positions from one end of the country to the other.

Observers here do not minimise the importance of the battle for Hsuehchowfu, but regard it, and other battles to be fought for the Lunghai Railway, as only curtain raisers to the great decisive clash to follow.

Chinese aircraft are expected before long to make a serious bid to challenge Japan's supremacy in the air.

STRONGER EVERY DAY

With the arrival of bombers and pursuit planes from Russia, England, France and America, and with new pilots being turned out from various aviation schools, the Chinese air force is growing stronger every day.

General Chiang Kai-shek is constantly visiting the different fronts by air.

CONSCRIPTION IMPOSSIBLE DURING PEACE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the present Government would not introduce conscription during peace time.

This reaffirms pledges given by the Baldwin Government. — Reuter.

the Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and a host of other commanders.

TACTICS CHANGED

Although the decisions were kept secret, this much is known: The Chinese tactics have been changed, and there has been an important re-shuffling of troops.

While General Chiang Kai-shek attaches great importance to the battle for Hsuehchowfu, the main fighting strength of the Chinese army will not be concentrated there.

Before the fall of Nanking, Chinese commanders at different points fought their own battles without any co-ordinated plan.

For example, when the Japanese were using all available troops to smash the way to victory at Shanghai, General Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung, who was recently executed for dereliction of duty, sat tight in Shantung doing nothing.

General Chiang Kai-shek believes that this lack of co-ordination has been remedied, and that things will be different in the battle for the Lunghai Railway. — Reuter.

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PERTINENT COMMONS QUESTIONS ON AUSTRIA

London, To-day.

The House of Commons again displayed great interest at question-time in the new Austro-German Agreement.

Answering the Opposition Leader, the Foreign Secretary said that he had received certain information regarding it but as the terms had not yet been made public, he was unable to give any detailed information to the House. He hoped to be in a position to make a statement at an early date, perhaps tomorrow.

Mr. Eden added: "Meanwhile, in view of statements in the press, I should perhaps add that His Majesty's Minister in Vienna was informed of the proposed meeting between the Austrian Chancellor and Herr Hitler on the eve of the meeting itself. The views or advice of His Majesty's Government were not invited in connection with that meeting."

HINT IN BERLIN

"While at the present moment I

am not in a position to estimate the exact effect of this agreement, His Majesty's Government are following the developments with close attention and His Majesty's Ambassador in Berlin has already been instructed to indicate to the German Government the interest His Majesty's Government take and have always taken in the Austria question."

Asked by Mr. Attlee to clarify his remarks yesterday about the Stresa Declaration, Mr. Eden said: "I stated that the declaration about the integrity and independence of Austria was reaffirmed by the Stresa Conference where machinery was agreed for consultation. Perhaps I should make it clear that so far as His Majesty's Government are concerned they have been and still are prepared for such consultations."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

He declined to answer, without notice, another supplementary of the Labour leader about Czechoslovakia but declared: "I should like to assure the House that this country has always had the friendliest feelings towards the Czechoslovakian nation and is fully aware of the treaties which bind Czechoslovakia to other great Powers."

Mr. Winston Churchill then enquired about the League of Nations duties and responsibilities in respect of Austria's independence.

Mr. Eden admitted that there was that aspect of the question remarking: "At the same time, it is our view, from the particular circumstances of the Stresa Declaration, that we are willing to act with others but we do not think

VISCOUNT ISHII ON

Special Envoy's Sugar-Coated Address

London, To-day.

Japan will maintain the policy of the "Open Door" for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the Chinese people, and will welcome cultural and economic co-operation of other interested powers, especially Great Britain, in the rehabilitation of China, declared Viscount Ishii, special envoy to Britain, at the dinner of the Japan Society last night.

Viscount Ishii, who was guest of honour, said:

"Our entire objective is stabilisation, once and for all, of our relations with China upon a basis which cannot be destroyed from time to time at the whim of a Chinese Government hostile to us, as so often has occurred in the past."

Japan, he declared, desired restoration of China as her natural market, and emphasised that re-establishment of that market would

it lies with us to take the initiative."

NO AUSTRIAN BID FOR BRITISH SUPPORT

Asked by a Liberal member, Mr. Mander if the Austrian Government had asked the British Government what measure of support, if any, would be granted to them if they resisted the German demands, Mr. Eden replied: "I thought my answer made it quite clear that no such suggestion was ever made to His Majesty's Government."

In a final reply, Mr. Eden told the House he was in consultation with the French Government. — British Wireless.

go far towards relieving trade competition all over the world.

CHINA RECONSTRUCTION

Restoration of that market must depend upon rehabilitation and reconstruction of China herself.

This could only be brought about by the closest co-operation between Japan and Britain.

It was folly to talk about Japan's desire to evict foreign interests, for without the co-operation of other powers, Japan could not attain the object she had in view.

"A reconstructed China, working amicably with us all, will bring about that permanent peace in the Far East which Japan, no less than any other country, so earnestly desires." — Reuter.

SIR JOHN GILMOUR

London, To-day.

Sir John Gilmour, M.P. for Glasgow, has been appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. — Reuter.



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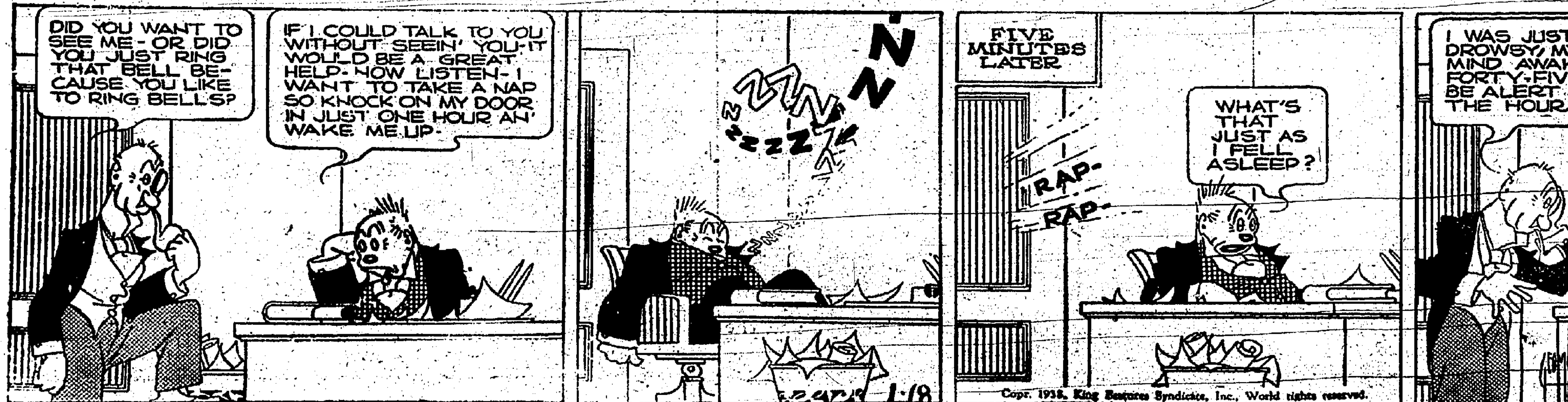
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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, FEBRUARY 18, 1938

"FOOTSTEPS"

IT was Alma who came to me, white and frightened, asking me if I could do something to straighten out her life story.

Although my sister Alma is almost my only relative, save for an aunt or two and a brace of cousins, I did not know her very well.

Our parents died when she was a baby of two, and I just sixteen, and mad keen to go to Scotland and live with a bachelor uncle—a Professor and a sport—the most intriguing combination!

When the Professor died, leaving me his small fortune, I came South for several reasons.

I wanted to take a trip to India; I wished to see my lawyer; and I felt I really ought to look up my only sister who had just become engaged to the only son of a country squire.

I found Alma quite charming, pretty as a picture, and remarkably like the mother I had adored. I expected to find her radiant in the magic glamour of first love.

Instead, I found her in despair. Aunt Elinor looked mysterious and told me to ask no questions.

"Alma will tell you when she feels it possible," she explained. And at last Alma came.

"When am I to see the hero?" I chaffed. "Terry Calford, I think you said his name is. Don't they own the jolly old place beyond the village? Calford Manor?"

"Yes," said Alison, and her blue eyes began to fill with tears.

I felt irritated. I hate to see anyone cry.

"What's wrong now?" I asked. "Terry turned out to be a wrong 'un, eh?"

I liked the way she rounded on me. It was good to find she was not one of the sob stuff sort; and, after giving me the benefit of a very unflattering opinion, and accepting my apologies in a sporting way, she ended up by telling me the whole yarn.

I won't comment on what looks a trifle odd in black and white—except to say I state facts—according to Alma.

"Of course, living in the wilds and never seeing a paper; you don't know how beastly those wretched dailies have been," she said, "so, I'll have to tell you. My Terry's mother died when he was a kiddy, but Sir Reynold married again. His second wife was very lovely, but with a terrible temper. She was really unbalanced, and at last her mind gave way. Sir Reynold did all he could, but finally he left her in charge of the servants and a trained attendant at the Manor. About a year ago Terry went abroad with his father, but the latter was sent for to come home about some legal business. He went down to the Manor and stayed there for two weeks, leaving in some haste.

After he had gone, his wife was found—murdered.

Sir Reynold meantime had gone back to France to his son, who had just become engaged to me. Aunt and I were at Cannes. She and I left for England a few hours before Sir Reynold's arrest. He . . . he is in prison now, arrested on charge of murdering his wife. And of course, Terry says in any case it would be impossible for

him, with such a taint, to marry me."

It was ugly story—so ugly that I did not like to press for details, and waited for Alma to tell me how I was to help in the matter.

It was tragedy—and of course Terry Calford was right.

Alma could not marry the son of a man likely to hang for murder.

But I was genuinely sorry for my sister and asked—rather awkwardly—at last, what I could do.

"Is Terry at the Manor?" I asked; but she shook her head.

"He is in London," she replied, "doing all he can, and being allowed to see his father, since the latter is in the prison infirmary, ill, with the shock of it all. The most awful bit is that Sir Reynold has got it into his head that Terry killed his step-mother. He had once said what a pity the law could not authorise putting mad people to sleep."

Again, there was fear in those blue eyes, and Alma, reading pity in mine, came nearer.

"You are the only one I can talk to, Jim," she whispered, "don't . . . please don't call me quite crazy, but Lucy Ellett from the Manor has been in to see me twice, and

she says . . . she says . . . the servants are all scared because they hear footsteps all over the house at night, just at the suppose time of the murder. They are terrified, but though they have watched, they can see no one. At first they hoped it might be the murderer returning, but they can't find him, nothing is stolen, though they have set traps for the midnight visitor. Lucy says if it goes on they will all leave. If so, it will be worse for Terry, who may return home at any time, though he would hardly dare come and see me; my poor, poor Terry."

I didn't blame the kid for her tears now. She had excuse, for the whole show had smashed her love story and placed tragedy in its stead.

But I'm not demonstrative, and can't make pretty speeches, or kiss and comfort any girl—even a sister.

So, instead, I kicked savagely at a hassock, and said shortly:

"Dead end, eh? But I can tackle the ghost. Uncle was an expert in that sort of show, and I happen to be psychic."

"Suppose I toddle over to the Manor to-night and talk to—er—the lady?"

Alma's eyes dilated. Till then she must have thought me just a Scottish bear fresh from the wilds. Now I grew to the size of a full-blown champion.

But being a woman she had the wit not to offer any flatteries.

"I'd be grateful," she said,

"terribly grateful. I . . . I don't believe in ghosts, but if there is one it must have a reason for coming back."

"Wants to split on the bloke who laid her out," I joked, but Alma shut up like an oyster, and I went off whistling.

The respected aunt didn't come into the picture. It would have been fatal. In fact we let her trot off at nine p.m. to her downy cot without knowing a word about my adventure in embryo.

There was no whisky going, so Alma fortified me with ginger wine and cake—a combination to inspire nightmare after the callos days of the teens—and away I went.

I had stipulated that the servants who remained in the Manor—but were preparing to quit owing to the murder and the ghost!—should all be put up at the two lodges. I had no intention of being the victim of a practical joke.

However, a most respectable butler opened the door to me, and after hearing my name, thanked me for my kindness with the air of a Prince, and ushered me into the library, where the right sort of liquid refreshment, plus sandwiches, awaited me.

Hendrix, the butler, lingered to put me wise over certain details. He knew who I was and appeared to regard Alma with affection.

Both his masters, young and old, were his idols, and he referred to the past and pending tragedy in horror.

"Sir Reynold never touched a hair of the poor Mistress's head," he vowed, "that I would state my dying oath on. She hardly ever knew any one, least of all him . . . and in her rages she was terrible. The only one to understand her was Martha Mixton, the attendant, and she was away the night the mistress died. . . . The master left her ladyship's room at nine o'clock, and the house at ten. When Lucy went to see if Mixton was back, she found the mistress dead."

I listened in some dismay.

Hendrix refused to see that black was black, and seemed quite ready to swear to it being white if that would save his master. But the case was ugly. The murdered woman had been gripped by the throat and must have fallen back on to the floor, striking her head against a bed rail.

But that grip on her throat had been fatal—and the hand had been gloved.

Sir Reynolds always wore gloves.

It was a clear case. And I went upstairs feeling both disgust and pity for the man who, in a moment of exasperation, had taken a life which, according to

the story, stood between him and the future happiness of a beloved only child.

I may be psychic, but I am not nervous. In fact my nature appears to be a bit of a mix up. I viewed the room in which Lady Calford had met her end with more curiosity than awe.

The get up was not that of the ideal haunted chamber. Care had evidently been taken to make the room as cheerful and dainty as pictures, bright chintzes, and modern furniture could make it.

The only sinister notes were in the dark panelling, the polished boards, and the black framed latticed windows.

A fire burned on the hearth. The servants had seen in every way to my comfort.

I had not come to the Manor to sit up and watch for the ghost.

I challenged—sub-consciously—the ghost to wake me up if he—or she—had anything to say.

As a rule I sleep well. But I did not even doze on that fateful night.

Inwardly furious at the rebellion of my nerves, I lay staring into a semi-darkness, relieved by the glow of a dying fire and the light of a rising moon.

The house was silent enough. Not so much as a mouse stirring. The bed was comfortable, the room warm.

And yet, in spite of the strivings of plain common sense, a strange atmosphere engulfed me.

I saw no vision . . . at first I heard no sound, and yet Fear had entered the room.

The strangest Fear I had ever experienced.

As I lay, sweating, in that bed, it seemed I was other than myself. That another entirely folded me around . . . some being was close to me, convulsed with a bewildering storm of passions in which rage and fear combined. And I could see nothing, feel nothing. The room remained in the mystic glow of fire and moonlight.

Yet I was convinced there were forces here striving, contending, in some terrible but silent battle.

Using all the moral courage I was possessed of, I tried to rise, to shout a challenge . . . but I was unable to move.

The mysterious atmosphere of the room throbbed with vitality. There was life here beside mine. Life—and horror. And then it was I first heard the footsteps which were to remain through life a haunting memory to convince me of occult forces. Where they came from I could not say. In what they differed from ordinary footsteps I do not know.

All I can tell is, that, as the sound reached me, my whole faculties became centred on listening, listening; dreading too, with a dread shared by some other in that room as the sound came nearer.

Steady footsteps, not slow, not fast, not loud, not stealthy.

Deliberate footsteps, drawing near with definite purpose . . . And in that nameless purpose I spelt one fearful word. Murder.

The firelight was growing
(Continued on Page 7)

Short
Story

By May
Wynne



Mudlarks at Happy Valley in last Saturday's international rugby between England and Wales. ("Mail" photos).



Bidding farewell to the Royal Welch Fusiliers when they sailed on the "Dunera." ("Mail" photo).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

AN actor decided to give up his career and become a doctor.

In a short while he was achieving a great deal of success.

One day he was operating for appendicitis, and, as usual, the operating theatre was filled with students taking hints.

The operation was so successfully performed that, at the end, the students broke into loud applause.

Then the old actor spirit returned, and the surgeon, after bowing his appreciation, hurried back—and removed the patient's tonsils as an encore.

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Obvious

Then there was the woman who told her milliner that she couldn't possibly have that hat because it looked too much like a hat.

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Change

A wireless speaker said that explorers should have no ties. I suppose they usually wear mufflers.

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Relief

"I say, old man, I want ten pounds badly, and I haven't the faintest idea where I can get it." "Thank heaven for that!"

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Lasting

Modern wedding rings, I read, are much lighter than the old ones. The old ones, of course, were supposed to last a lifetime.

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Bull's Eye

There was a domestic fight. "I've given you the best years of my life," she said.

"Good heavens!" he replied. "Were these your best?"

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Joke For The Holidays

The schoolroom was draughty, and little Willie was always catching cold. His mother wrote to the teacher: "Dear teacher, will you please let Willie sit in a place that is not draughty in school?"

The teacher replied: "Dear madam, when I find a place in school that is not draughty, I'm going to sit in it."

NATURE NOTE



Humans are superior to animals because man is equipped with a complicated mechanism for thinking so.

The Mailed Fist

An advertisement offers a correspondence course in boxing.

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Thoughtless

The builder who built a prison wall to scale.

Spirit Version

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Song For The Modish Girl

Red Nails in the Sunset."

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Solved

A new machine can tell whether or not a man is lying. I must have married one.

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Hopeless

A Russian scientist has succeeded in making fish answer the telephone. If only he could make my office boy do the same.

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Dirty

An astrologer has counted ninety-five sunspots. I can only suggest they send the sun to the cleaners.

"A clever man would never think of being rude to his wife." "Most clever men haven't got wives."

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Hobbies Corner

How to make a broomstick—dip it in gum.

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Case For The S.P.C.A.

A dance band played in a cage with two lions. The animals are doing as well as can be expected.

Quite
Dentists, say a writer, need nerves of iron. Judging by the bills they send out, they've got 'em.

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Cause And Effect

A beggar who appeared in a police court was said to own a motor-car. It is not surprising that he is a beggar.

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Unbalanced

"Modern men have less dignity than those of an older generation," notes a social observer.

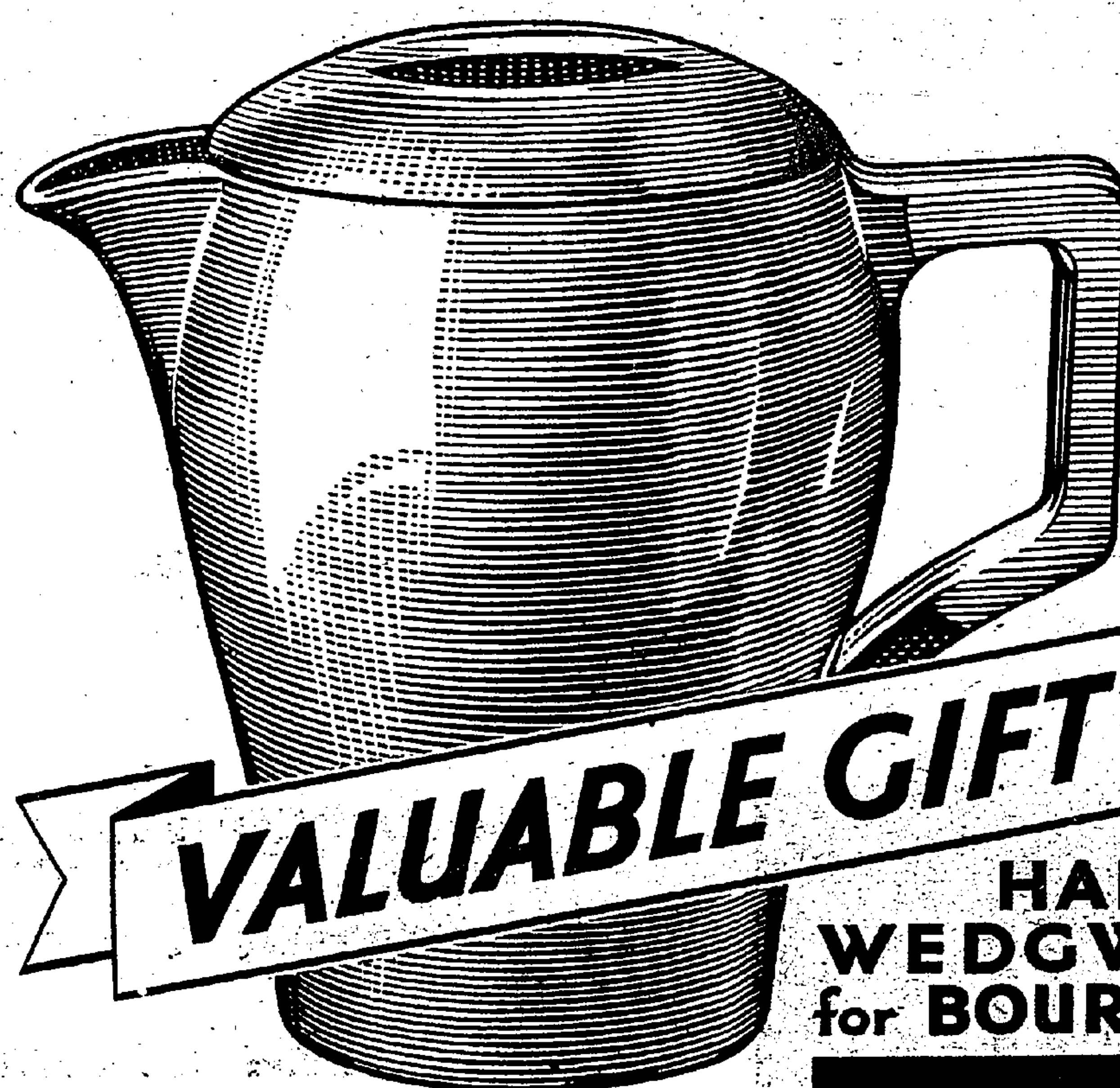
There's nothing like the poise of the old brigade.

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Proving The Proverb

"It takes a clever man to be a convincing story-teller," declares a woman.

Which only goes to prove that dud men tell no tales.



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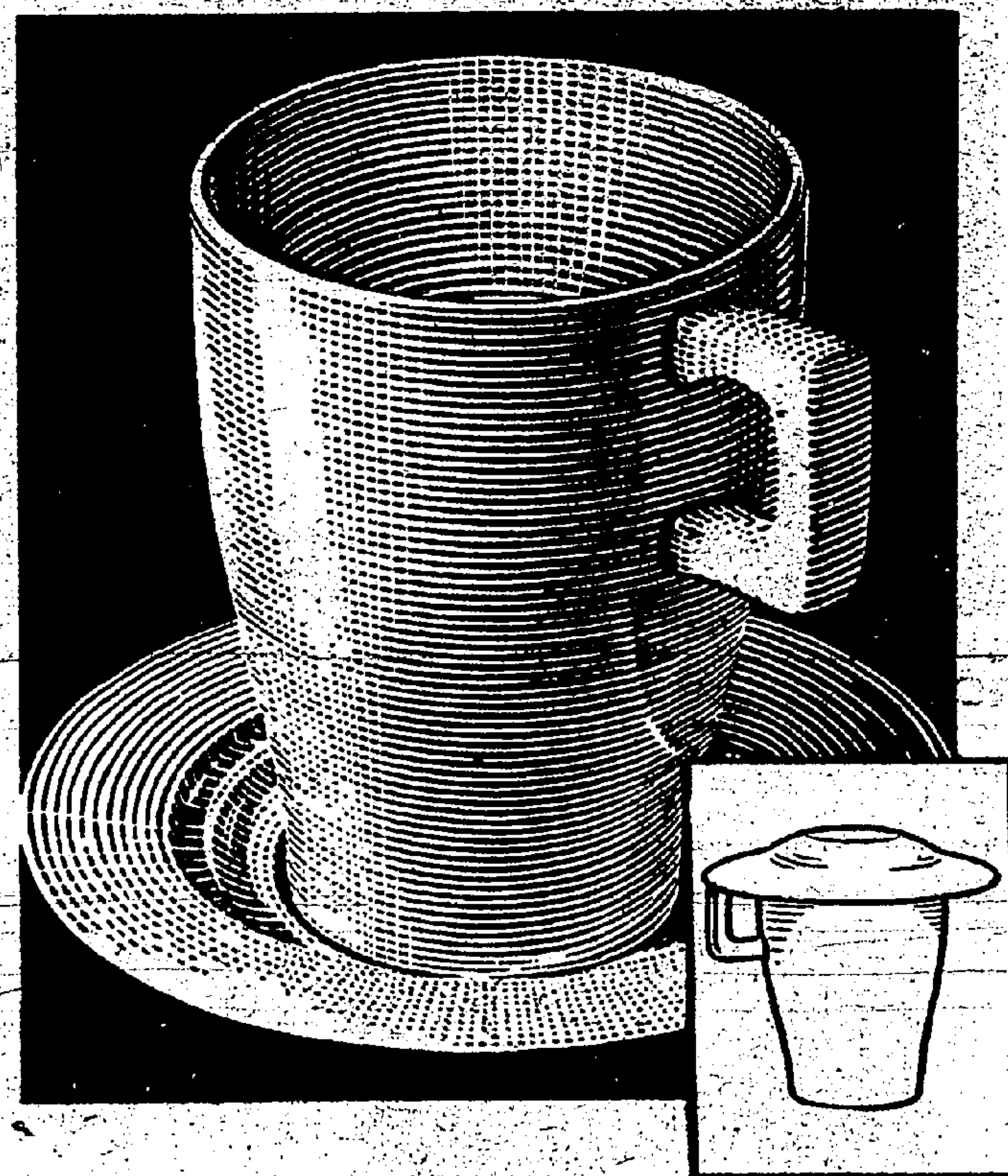
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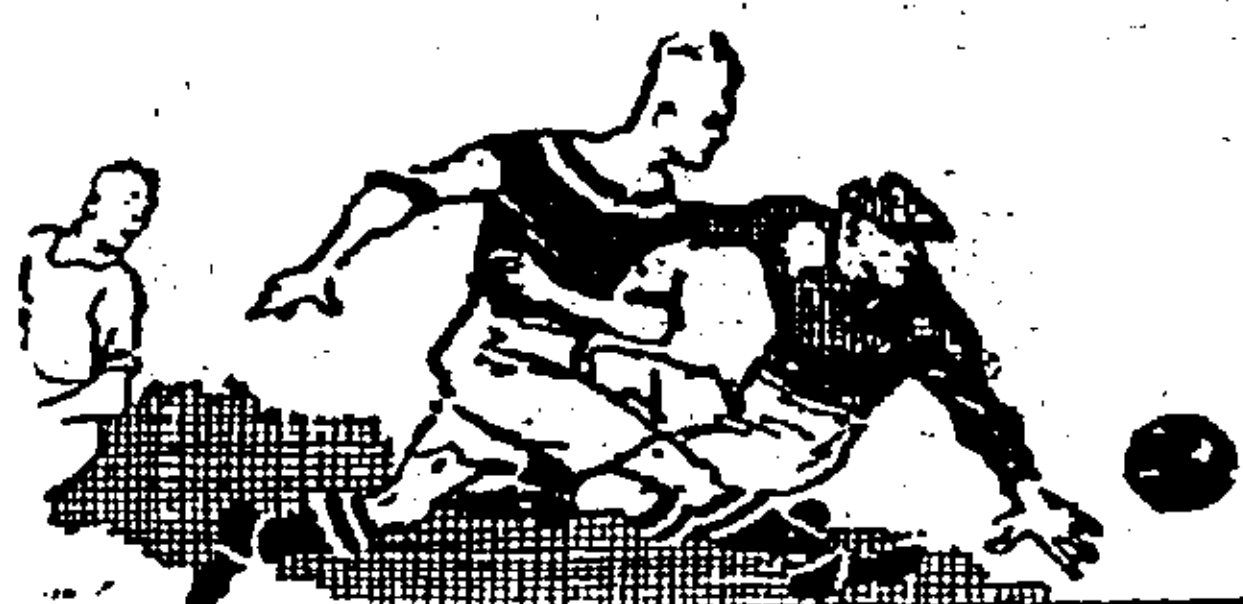
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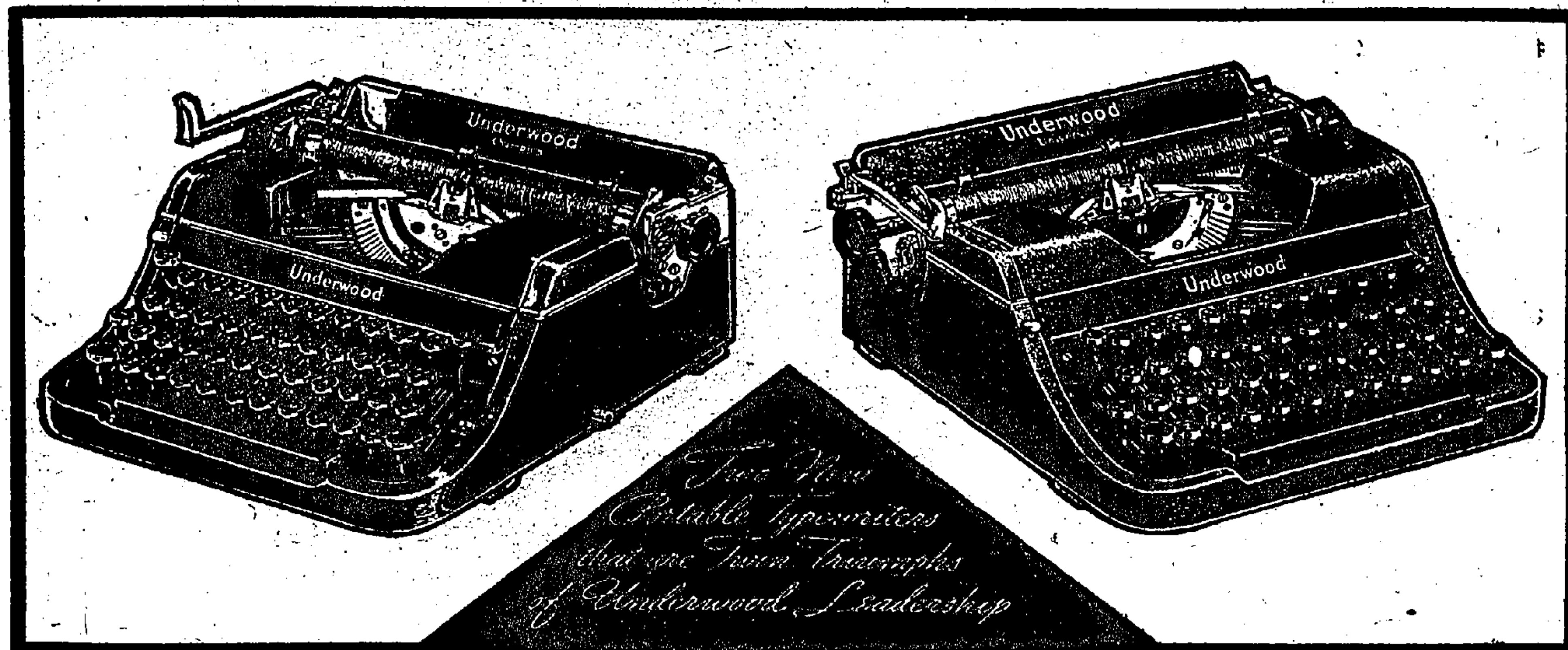
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While the Frenchman, Spaniard, South American and elegant Italian have been using scent shamelessly for years, the American and the Englishman still regard the stuff with horror, and would rather be accused of picking pockets than using perfume.

The Englishman they regard as incurable: but they are luring on the American with special "male scents," such as leather, Scottish heather, mint and new-mown hay.

There's nothing like the teeniest, weeniest touch of new-mown hay behind the ears.

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"Coronet," Chicago magazine, further predicts an immense increase in the general use of perfumes in and around the home.

Stockings, millinery, conditioned aid and canned goods may soon come to the consumer already scented, if present plans for educating the American nose mature.

Unfortunately the average American consumer already smells a rat.

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Face-lifting, however, is tremendously on the increase amongst American criminals. It is a tendency deplored by the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology.

All the best gun-men nowadays

are slipping round the corner to have those tell-tale wrinkles removed, the lines of age eliminated, the Roman nose translated into Greek.

Ears can be brought closer to the head by cartilaginous excisions. Even their size can be changed, so tremendously has modern plastic surgery developed. The toughest thug can instal a couple of dimples for almost nothing.

Thus do science and crime between them change the face of a nation.

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Russian scientists spending the winter at the North Pole are not so badly off gastronomically as you might expect.

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They are having four meals a day, with three to four dishes a meal.

The "Moscow Journal" says that fifty head of cattle, 5,500 chickens and three tons of vegetables and other foodstuffs were used in the manufacture of their concentrated-products larder.

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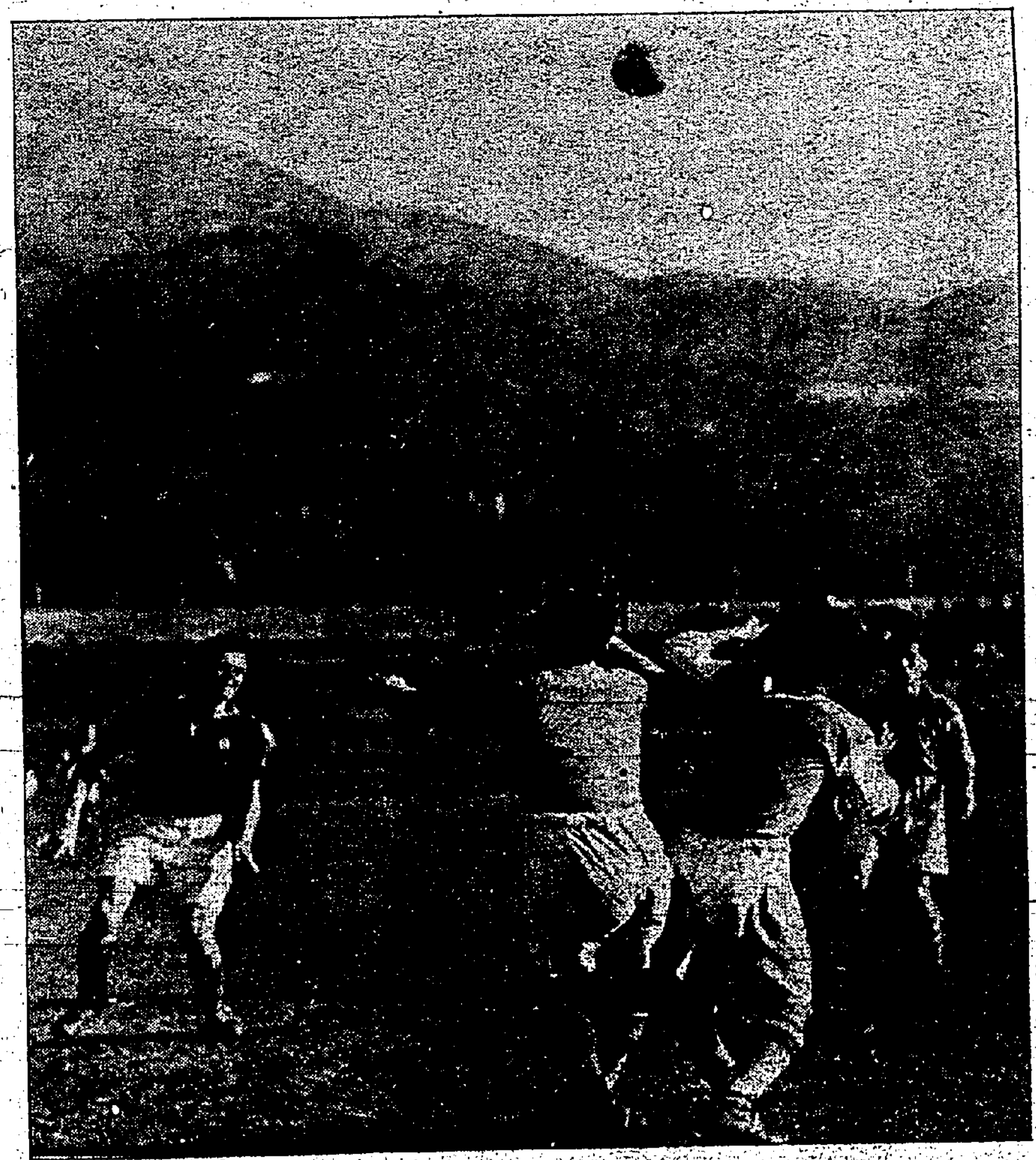
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One of the best journalists on the Continent, quoted more and more in English papers during the past few weeks, is a French woman—Mme. Tabouis.

Lives in luxury Paris flat, whence she 'phones up half the capitals of Europe. Possesses a quality rare in women—she can listen, even over the 'phone.

Often works with the famous

Duncan, the Royal Scots goalkeeper, being worried by opposing forwards in the Army trial game at Sookumpoo. Duncan has been chosen as goalie for the Colony against the Islington Corinthians. ("Mail" photo).



Taken during the friendly football match between South China and the Royal Scots at Caroline Hill last Sunday, when the Chinese won by 4 goals to 1. On extreme right is Fung King-cheong, the South China captain. ("Mail" photo).

Pertinax, and these two terriers together have bolted many a diplomatic rabbit, shaken many an international rat.

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"FOOTSTEPS"

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deep. The red glow of the coals showed like the setting sun in a fog.

The moonlight was wavering. And the footsteps, now slow and steady, quiet and purposeful, were coming nearer.

The atmosphere became intense.

I was horribly cold and my pulses hammered.

Yet I was hardly aware of it. The other presence crouched beside me governed my senses.

The fear and fury of another were growing to a frenzy.

Yet the room was empty. Only the footsteps, slow and steady, purposeful and quiet, were coming nearer.

My whole being was tense in suspense.

Then, the horror culminated. That which unseen crouched beside me, had gone.

The footsteps had ceased.

Yet in the room, in spite of the silence, my heart echoed one word.

There was death in the room.

And again the footsteps passed back towards the door, slow and steady, purposeful, yet with a new dragging motion in them as they halted by the bedside.

The moonlight lay in patches on the polished floor.

The red glow of the coals faded to ashen grey.

There was a chill in the air. Fear was here. And something beside Fear.

At that moment I experienced what I definitely hope may never be experienced again.

It was a wordless message from the unseen world, mastering my wishes with an insistence which in itself was terrifying.

I knew, though I saw nothing, felt nothing, that I must get out of bed and follow the lead of some unseen presence.

And the presence repelled me. It was sinister, cruel, yet withal pitiful. I had to obey.

Again the footsteps sounded, slow, purposeful, steady.

I climbed out of bed, conscious of chill, conscious of horror.

The breath of crime was here. Though the moonlight lay on bare boards, I knew something which had not materialised lay there.

Murder!

The sweat broke over me. Curious as it may seem, I did not even think of Alma, or the reason for my being here.

The presence of criminal and victim overwhelmed everything.

Again the footsteps sounded, slow, purposeful, steady.

They were out in the passage. I was glad of that. Glad to leave that room behind me.

Down the passage I walked. Keen as my sense of the ridiculous is, I saw nothing to smile at in a man of thirty-four wandering about at midnight down the passage of a strange house because he dreams he hears footsteps.

Footsteps!

Will the echo of them ever cease to vibrate in my brain?

I was walking down the passage with no remotest idea where I was going. I had only my pyjamas on, my feet were bare, and the winter's night was cold.

Yet dominating all thought of action or environment came the message of the footsteps, slow, steady, purposeful, which led me up an uncarpeted staircase into an attic at the end of a narrow passage.

The door had been closed. I opened it . . . yet at the moment fear was mingled with doubt.

These were the servants' quarters, and even if the household had fled to the lodges, Hendrix was the exception, and might, if he slept near, very naturally resent such intrusion.

Yet I entered the room — a large well-furnished attic, with strips of carpet on the bare boards.

But I hardly glanced around them, for . . . the footsteps had ceased.

Through a tiny window in the eaves the moonlight stole in. I saw quite plainly the bed, washstand, chairs.

I saw something else too . . . or shall I say some-one?

A figure, shadowy and fantastic, materialised enough for me to see a hand pointing downwards.

Then—nothing.

Only the footsteps, slow, steady, purposeful, in retreat.

I went forward and noted that in the board was a thin line denoting a place where some sharp instrument had sawn it.

For some time I fumbled about, but I was resolved not to leave my quest. Resolved not to be haunted by footsteps which would surely follow till their owner's will was obeyed.

I raised the board and found as I expected, the folded paper which contained the confession I own I dreaded to read.

Conscious now of cold and a certain collapse of nervous force, I managed to reach the library, and, after drinking a strong dose of stimulant, I turned on the gas, glad not to be dependent on lamp-light, and forced myself to read the closely written page.

One glance had told me this was not the writing of Sir Reynold, and, as I read, I understood.

The woman attendant, Martha Mixton had written this before leaving the Manor.

She confessed the crime, of which she had been guilty, with a curious note of challenge.

"I never meant to hurt the woman," she wrote. "I came home earlier than I meant to. Sir Reynold had just left the room, and her ladyship was lying on her bed working up towards one of her frenzies. As I went in she sprang at me . . . I was tired, irritated, in a bad mood . . . but before Heaven I never meant to do it. Now I'm going, I'm leaving England . . . No one will hear of me again, but I am putting this under the board in my attic just to ease my conscience, though I reckon they'll know without this that I done her ladyship in. But I'll die rather than be took. I'll die first."

So Alma would win her happiness.

The grim bogey of tragedy would be lifted aside.

I did not return to bed.

You may guess the reason: for I knew who it was now crouching beside me, crazed, fear-stricken, listening as I listened to the

footsteps . . . Footsteps coming nearer, slow, steady, purposeful. Alma was over at the Manor as soon as the first grey light broke over a white world.

Together we went to London in search of Terry.

It was Terry and Alma who went alone to the prison to set free an innocent man . . .

I have returned to Scotland after attending my sister's wedding. She insisted I should give her away.

She made a radiant bride.

As to Sir Reynold, I made a friend of him without difficulty. His was the gratitude which counts.

We found that Martha Mixton had died of influenza and pneumonia almost directly after leaving the Manor.

No doubt her crime killed her. Who shall judge? At least, after death she could not rest without trying to atone.

There are kiddies' footsteps racing up and down the passages of the Manor now.

Luckily neither Alma nor her husband fear ghosts.

And those mysterious footsteps are silent—so they say. For my part I own I dare not risk a visit to the place, for fear of my fear.

I doubt if I could endure listening to those weird footsteps, steady, slow, purposeful, coming nearer, nearer . . . whilst unseen forces flood the atmosphere till the mystery of the hidden life pleads for a hearing.

I confess I . . . am afraid . . .

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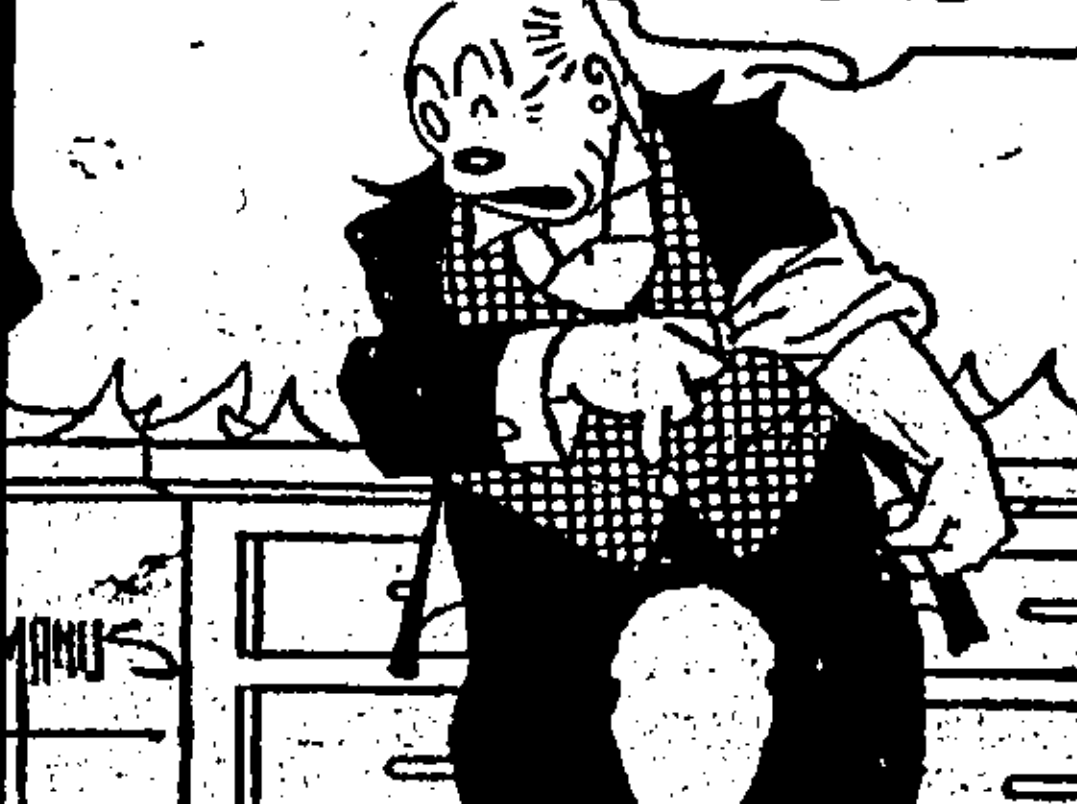
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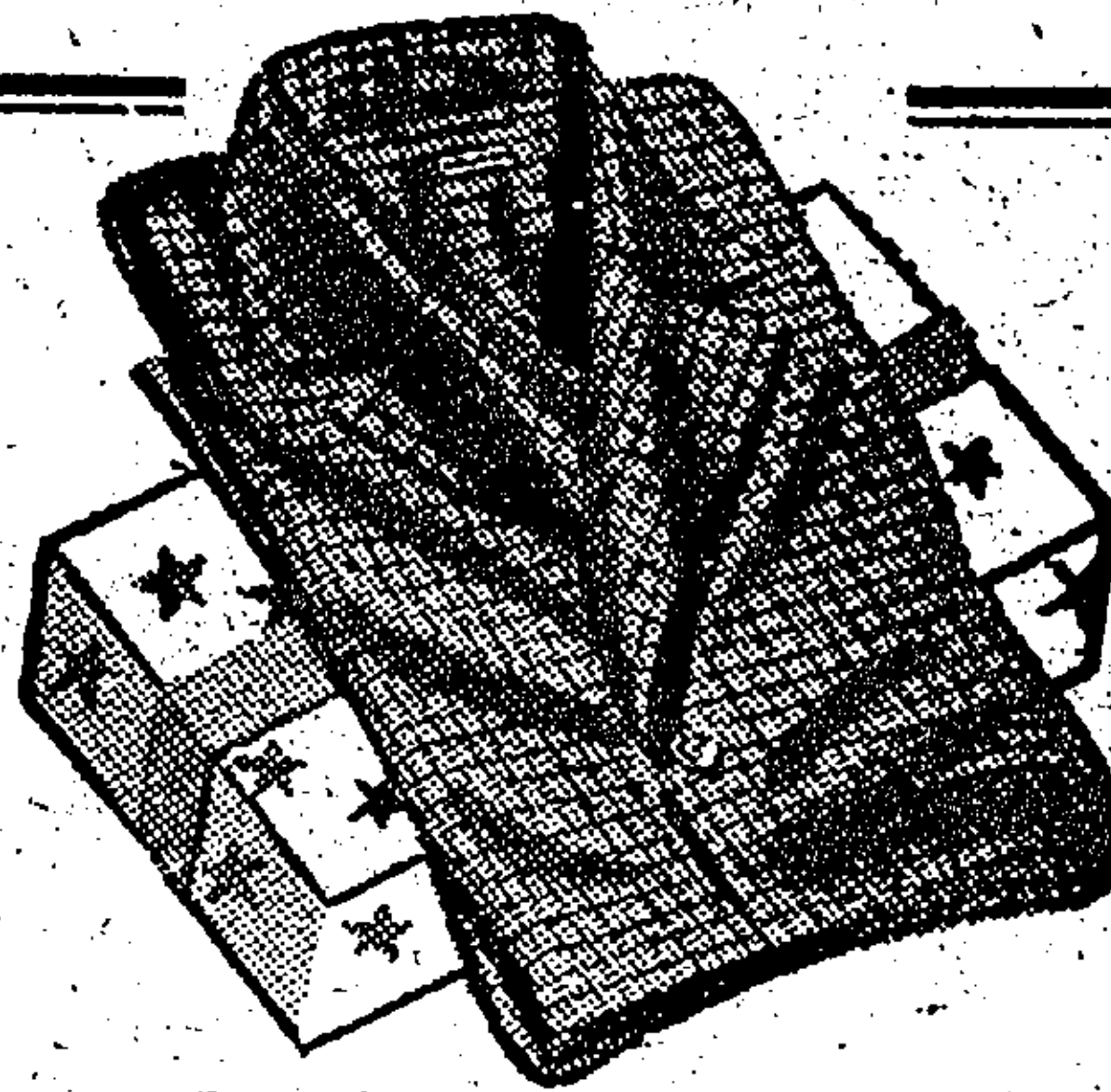
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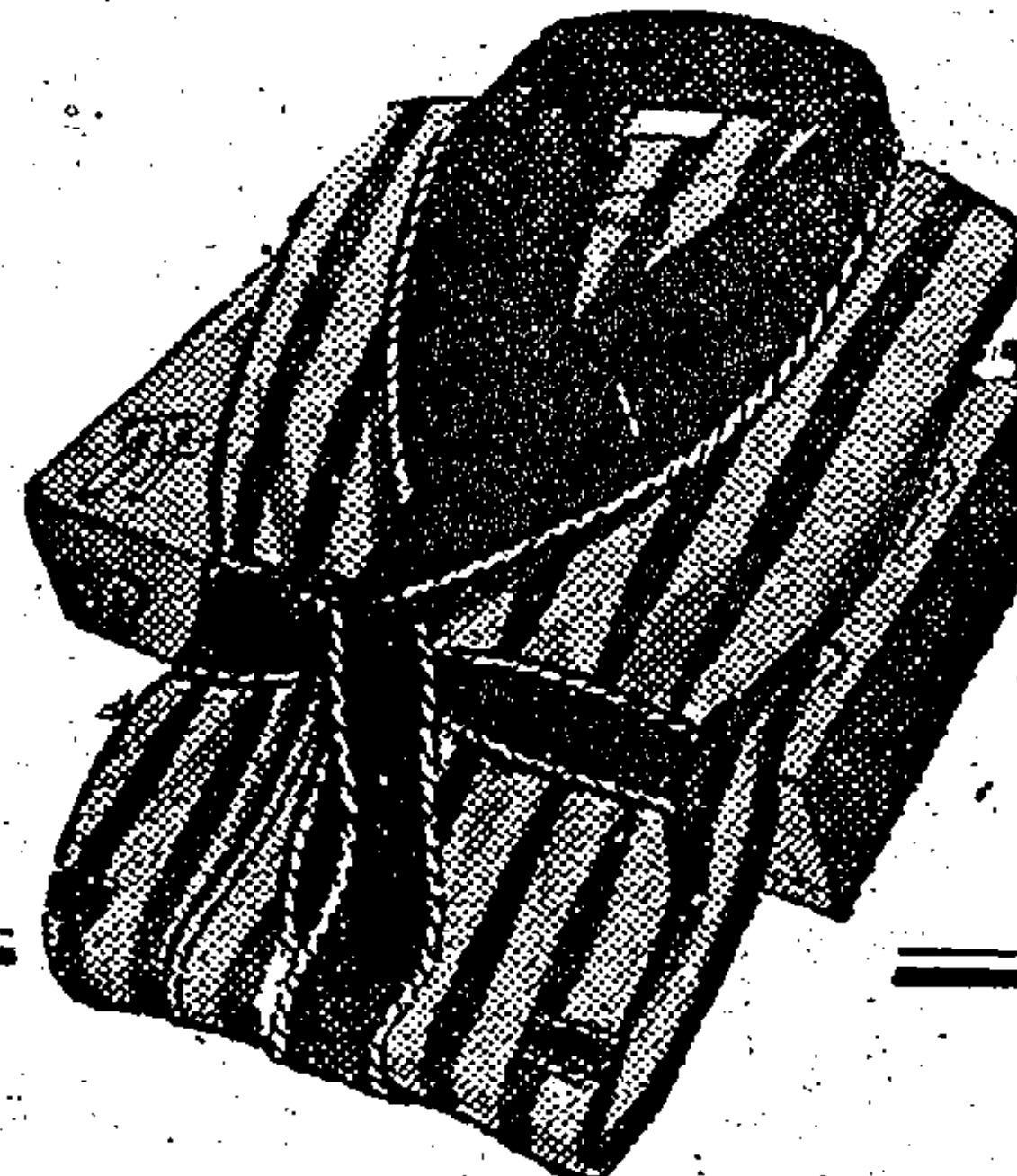
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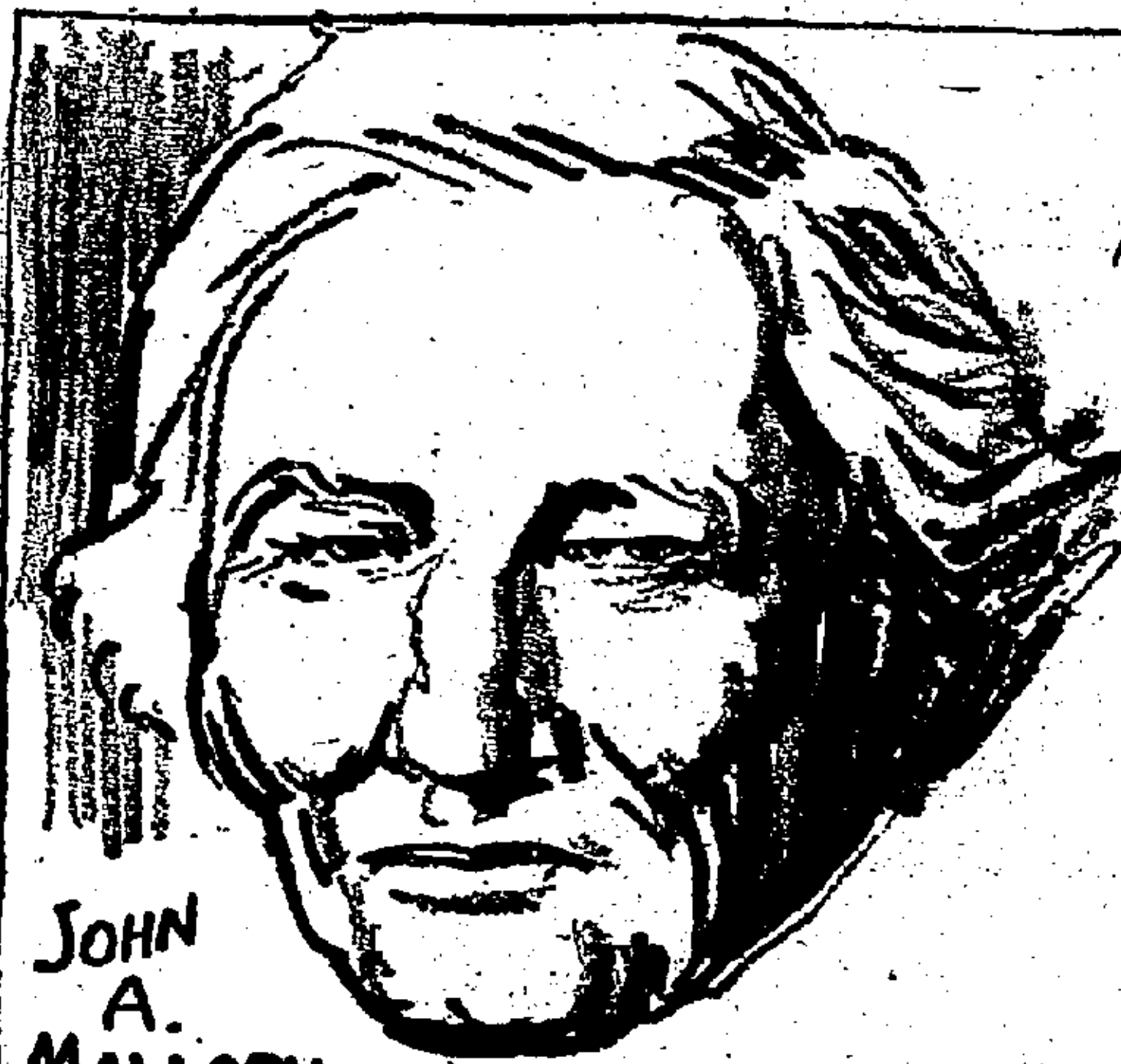
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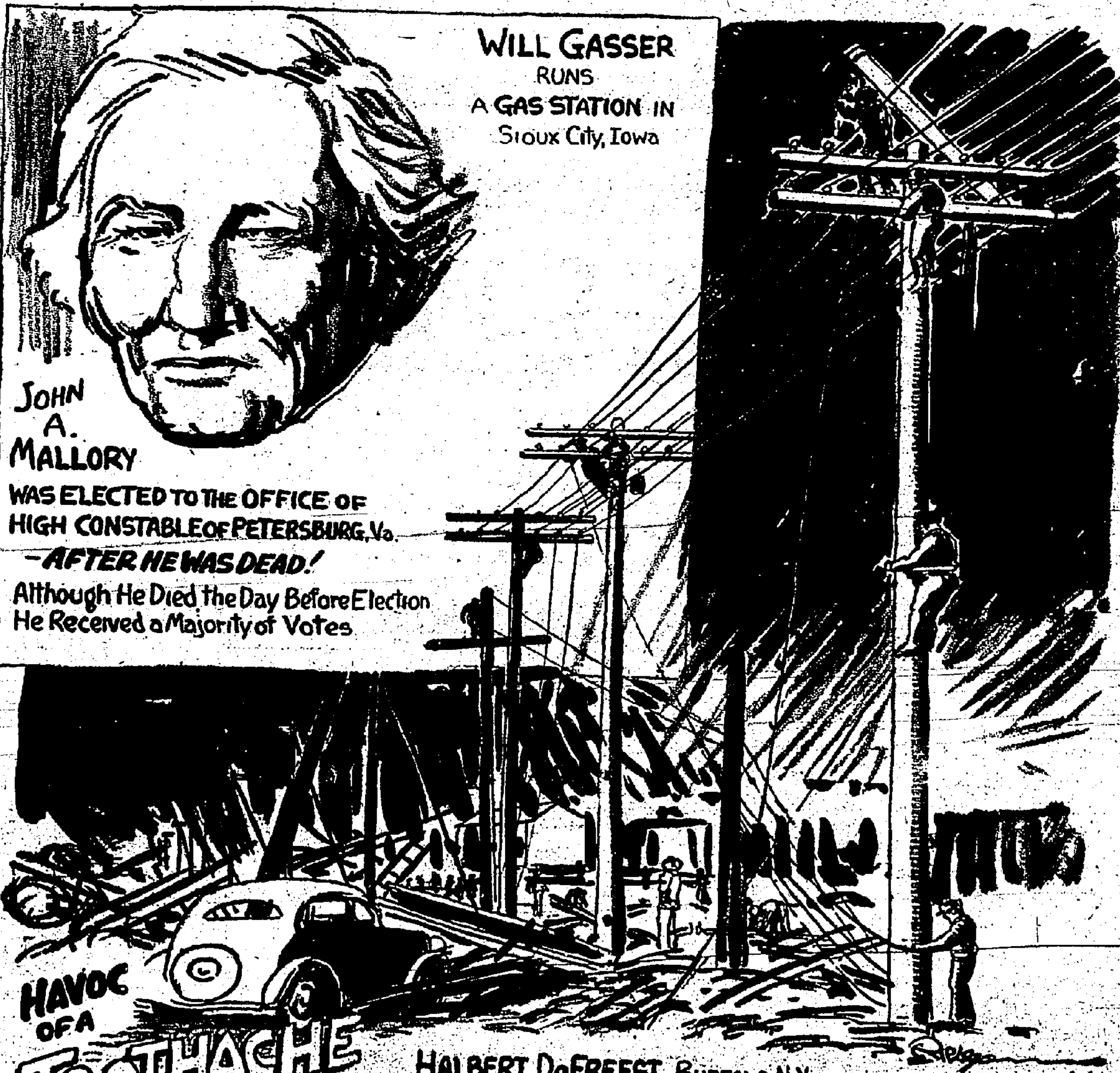
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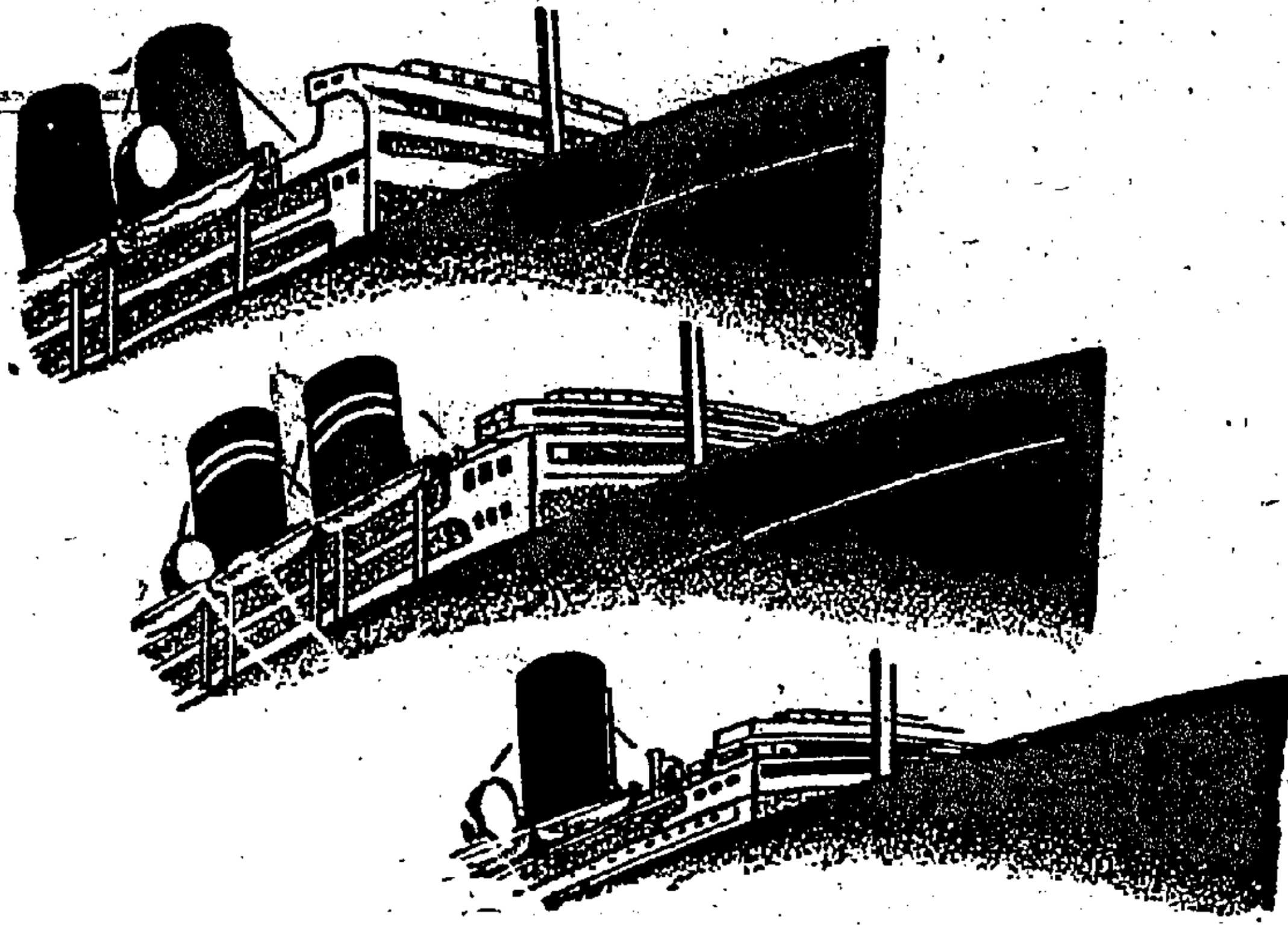


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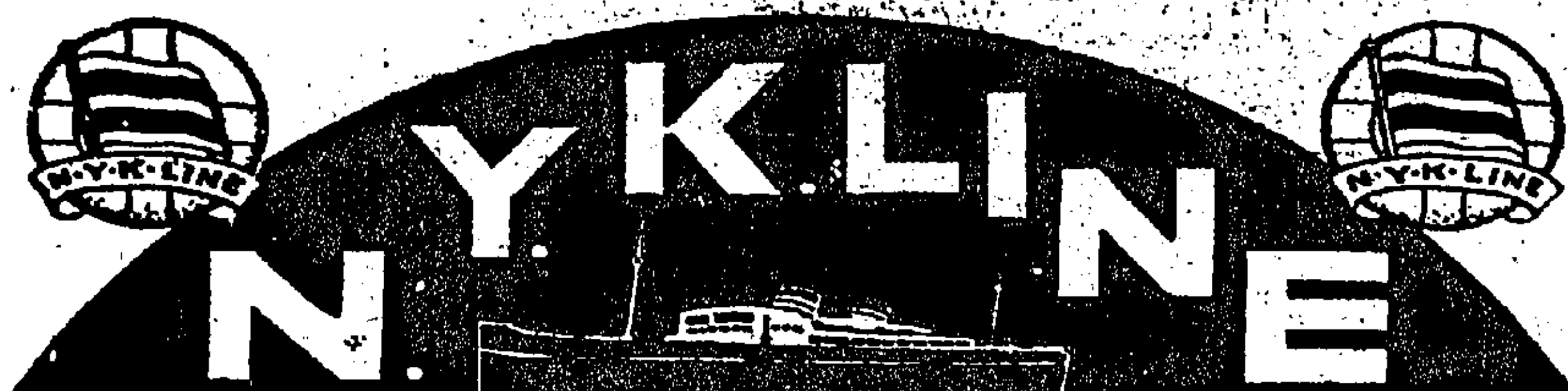
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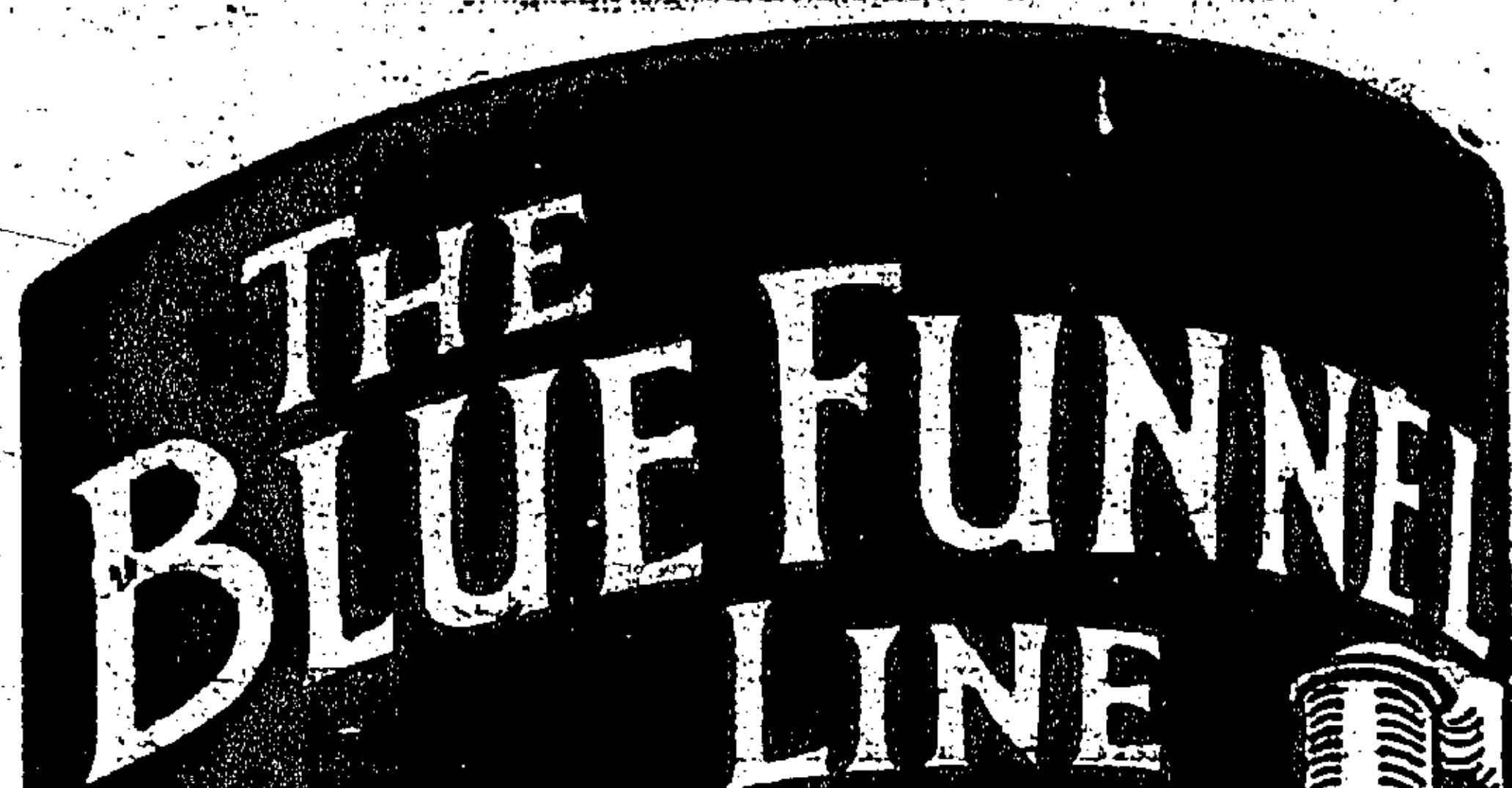


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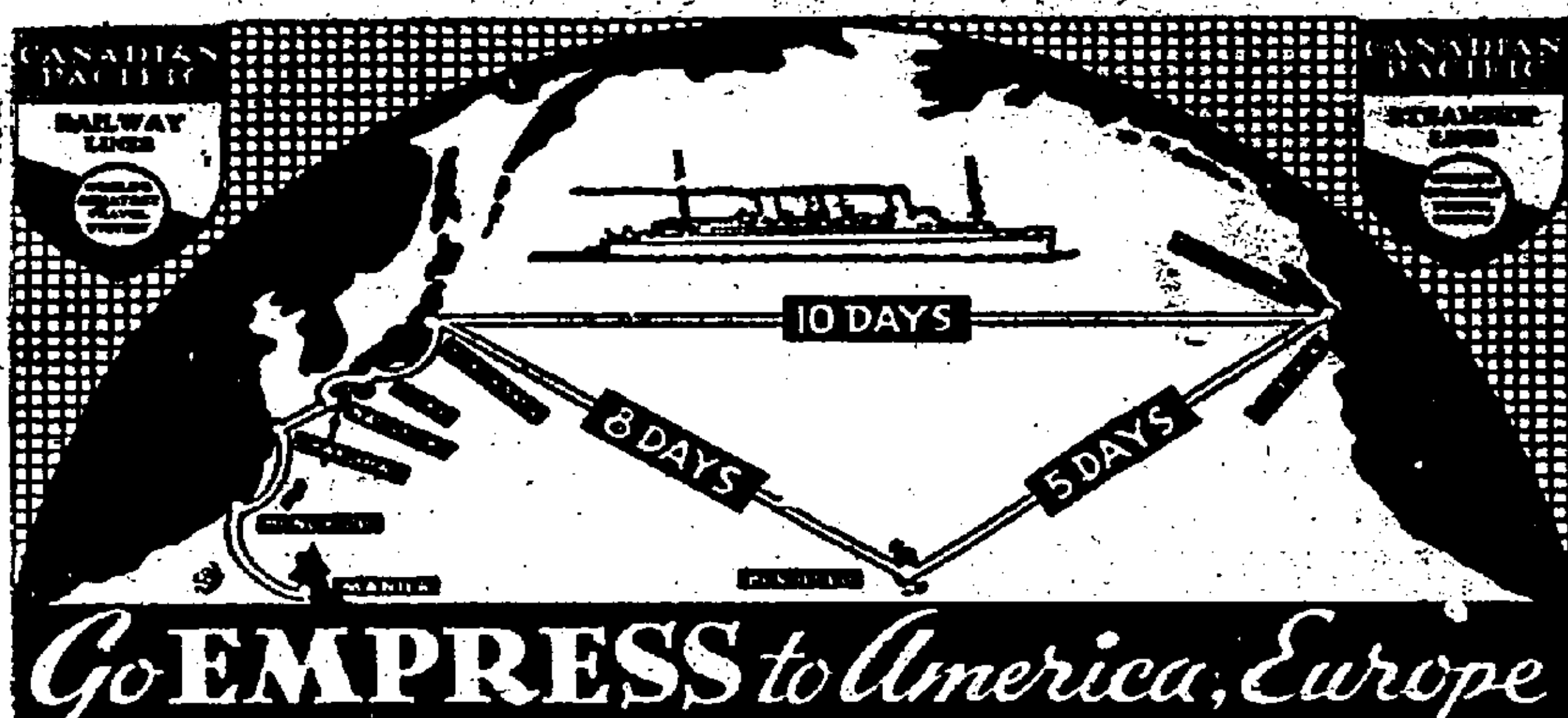
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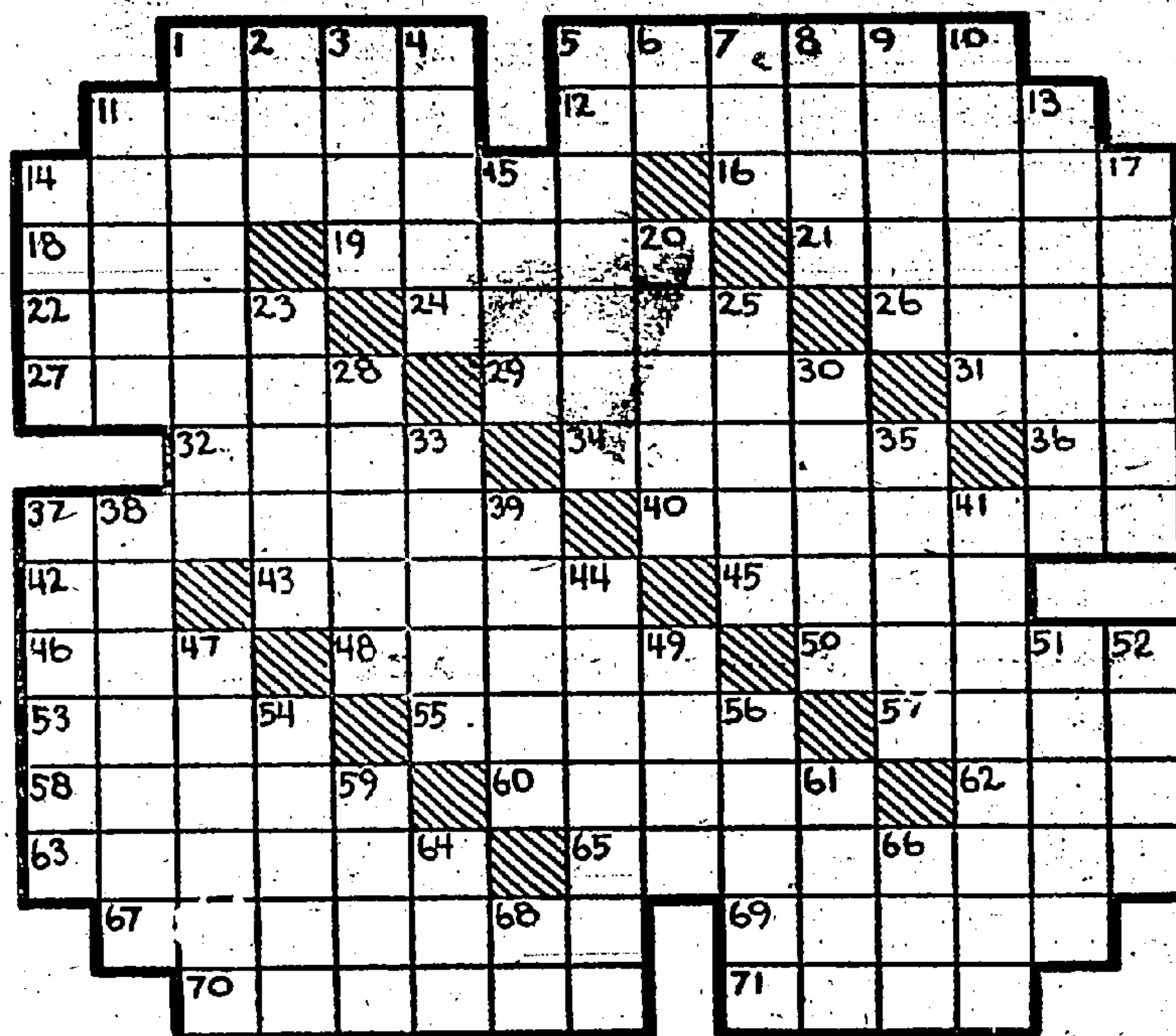
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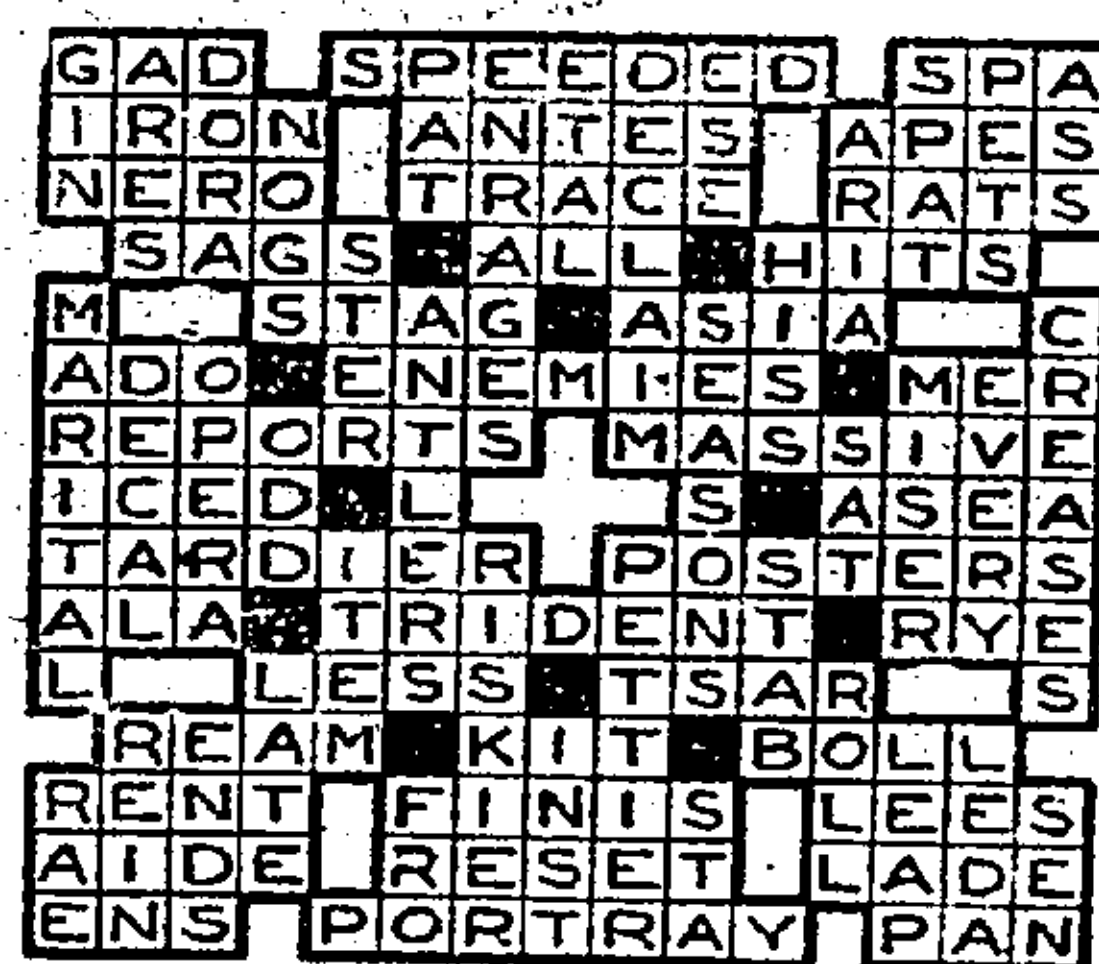
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- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| HORIZONTAL
1-To stupefy
5-Discover
11-Animate
12-Empowers
14-Judges
16-Navigated
18-Consumed
19-Snares
21-Combining form.
Niter
22-Transgressions
24-Aver
26-Combining form.
Part
27-Torments
29-Fathers
31-Butt
32-Greek goddess of discord
34-Scarce
36-Tellurium (abbr.)
37-Abides
40-Practiced robbery on the high seas
42-Indefinite article
43-Foot lever
45-Comfort
46-Pronoun
48-Satisfies
50-A coin (pl.)
53-Bristle (Bot.) | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
55-Pertaining to sea force of a country
57-Venture
58-Obilliterate
60-A number (pl.)
62-Born
63-Evil spirits
65-One who drives a team
67-Appreciate fully
69-Wharfs
70-Nets
71-Remain

VERTICAL
1-Safeguards
2-Unit
3-Saucy
4-Wide-mouthed pitchers
5-Utter hopelessness
6-Half an cm
7-A flap
8-Very black
9-Assertion of a right
10-A skin disease
11-To bind again
13-Notched like a saw
14-File away | VERTICAL (Cont.)
15-Consumes
17-Condemned
20-Narrow strip of leather
23-Make bare
25-Weird
28-The lateral parts
30-Angular block of glacier ice
33-Type of auto
35-Demolished
37-Elevated
38-One who passes within
39-Chief of evil spirits
41-Tenants collectively
44-Descendants of Levi (Bible)
47-Barrel strips
49-Lucid
51-Corners
52-Prophet
54-Pertaining to Asia
56-Jumps
59-Girl's name
61-Struck with disaster
64-A title
65-Large body of salt water
68-A compass point (abbr.) |
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



BRITAIN'S TRADE BALANCE

London, To-day.
The Board of Trade's Estimates of Britain's balance of international payments on revenue account for 1937 shows a debit balance of £52,000,000 compared with a debit of £18,000,000 in 1936 and a credit of £32,000,000 in 1935.

Excess of imports of merchandise last year was £432,300,000, an increase of £85,900,000 over 1936. On the credit side, invisible exports in 1937 are estimated as follows:

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Income from overseas investments, £220,000,000 against £205,000,000
Commissions etc. £35,000,000 against £30,000,000
Other sources £10,000,000, unchanged.—British Wireless.

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(By "RAPIER")

TIME certainly marches on! It does not seem so very long ago that the Hong Kong Jockey Club held their 1937 Annual Race Meeting, but fully 12 months have gone by. We are again on the eve of another Annual Race Meeting.

The ringing of the first bell at 11.00 a.m. to-morrow will herald the commencement of the outstanding sporting event of the year. Weeks of active preparation will culminate in introducing the 1938 Annual Race Meeting to the racing public with all its glories and uncertainties, and, judging by the great interest it has aroused, I feel safe in predicting that this year's Meeting will produce many new records.

The many admirers of Mr. D. S. Li will regret to learn that he is definitely unable to come down this year, and the Kong Bros. stable will accordingly miss the services of a jockey who has proved himself most dependable in former years. It is believed that his place will probably be filled by Mr. R. B. Moller to a certain extent, and as I have seen Mr. S. C. Liang, our 1937 champion, riding Tornado Star at morning trials, I conclude that he will handle their Australian ponies.

At one time there was a doubt as to whether Mr. Wong would be coming, but I am glad to be able to state definitely that he will be riding to-morrow on behalf of Mr. Li Lan-sang.

The Sydney Maidens and Won-Nei-Chong Stakes for new Australian and subscription griffins, China ponies, of this season, are divided into two sections. As the draw for the respective sections was not known when these notes were being written I can only give a general outline of the ponies that are capable of winning, leaving my readers to form their own judgment.

These are all sprint events, and I



would recommend a careful note being taken in regard to the draw for positions.

RACE NO. 1 THE FOOCHOW CUP: 1½ MILES

In this race last year, we were treated to a brilliant finish when King's Warden (Mr. Marshall) just managed to snatch a grand victory from Wild Life (Mr. Frost). I am afraid that this year's finish will be very tame in comparison, as the presence of Liberty Bay (Mr. Maitland) will frighten off most owners. Out of the seven ponies entered, the Dunbar stable has four, Dynasty two and Dr. Reidy one.

I expect King's Warden to be reserved for the last race of the day, the New Stables Plate, which it will have a good chance of winning. Trentbridge has been entered, but I doubt whether its owner will consider it prudent to send it out for this gruelling race on its reappearance after such a long absence.

I expect, therefore, to see only three ponies facing the starter: Liberty Bay (Mr. Maitland), Soldier of Honour (Mr. Ralph), Wild Life (either Mr. Black or Mr. S. W. Tang).

Practically no interest will be taken in this race from a betting point of view, as Liberty Bay is debarré, and there will not be many who would care

BREDON GOES LAME

Bredon, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson's new Australian pony, went lame yesterday. It was a very promising animal.

to back Soldier of Honour against Wild Life. The race, of course, would become more interesting if either King's Warden or Trentbridge went to the post.

RACE NO. 2 THE MAIDEN STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

As in the case of the Foochow Cup last year, the Maiden Stakes provided another thrilling finish, in which Expansive Time (Mr. Pote-Hunt) ousted Potentate (Mr. Leighton) after being left at the gate.

This year Mr. Li Po-chun will probably nominate Advancing Time, leaving Just In Time for the Trial Plate.



King's Warden, seen above with Mr. F. Marshall up, is expected to be reserved for the last race on to-morrow's racing card at the Valley, the New Stables Plate, which it stands an excellent chance of winning. ("Mail" photo).



Advancing Time looks a fast-mover, and, although I cannot recommend it as the likely winner, I think it ought to fill one of the minor positions.

The pony to back is undoubtedly Humdrum Eve, which will be Mr. Marshall's mount. This pony is full of life, and once on the move it is not so easy to beat.

The only other pony capable of extending Humdrum Eve in this race is Pinfarthings (Mr. L. P. Ralph), but I am not too keen on recommending it

for two reasons. Firstly, it was on the sick list for about two weeks, and, secondly, it does not like the starting barrier.

Mr. Encarnacao has the choice on either Cameronian or Lucky in this race, but whichever one he selects could not expect to do better than run second.

Much as I like Jobber (Mr. B. L. Tao) I don't think it will be fast enough here, but bear it in mind for a longer race.

I expect Mr. A. W. Raymond will take out Lancashire Lass for this event rather than wait for the Trial Plate, but its chances of winning against Humdrum Eve are remote.

My nominations are accordingly:—Humdrum Eve to win with Advancing Time, Cameronian, Lancashire Lass and Jobber fighting it out for the minor places.

RACES NOS. 3 AND 7: THE SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (FIRST AND SECOND SECTIONS) SIX FURLONGS

Judging on training performances, I regard the following as being the best



among the new lot of Australian ponies:

A Lovely Time (Mr. Pote-Hunt).
Annabella (Mr. Proulx).
Bredon (Mr. Ralph).
Cape York (Mr. Tao).
Criffel (Mr. Maitland).
King's Privilege (Mr. Needa).
Little Audrey (Mr. H. C. Pih).
The Buffer (Mr. Marshall).
Tornado Star (Mr. Liang).

The two Sydney Maiden Stakes last year were won by Lancashire Chips and Gypsy Love, ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih and Mr. D. S. Li respectively.

With Little Audrey, Mr. Pih has a great opportunity of repeating his last year's win. His greatest danger will come from Annabella, Bredon, Cape York, Criffel, King's Privilege and Tornado Star. It is, of course, only natural to presume that they will all not clash in the same section, but I submit that the winners of the two sections will come from six ponies I have named.

I previously reported that Annabella became a little stiff in training, but it has apparently recovered from this temporary lapse and I am now nearly sure that it will be taken out by Mr. Proulx. Both King's Privilege and

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Criffel have returned good times, and if Bredon can only get out of the gate faster it will not be so easy to beat.

RACE NO. 4: THE CHINA

STAKES: FROM 1½ MILE POST

I expect Mr. Dunbar will send out Bear Claw in this race under Mr. Maitland, and I reckon that its only challenge will come from Oak Bay (Mr. W. H. S. Davis), especially as I understand Happy Eve will not be running.

At the Double Tenth Meeting last year, over the same distance, Oak Bay had the better of Bear Claw by two lengths. I look to these two to fight out the finish, with Soldier of Britain (Mr. H. C. Pih) or Royal Scot (Mr. B. L. Tao) as possible outsiders. Glacier (Mr. Marshall) is also dangerous. I fancy Oak Bay to win, with Bear Claw second and Soldier of Britain third, provided the draw for positions is in favour of Oak Bay, otherwise Bear Claw should win.

RACES NOS. 5 AND 6: THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES (FIRST AND SECOND SECTIONS) HALF A MILE:

Eliminating the ponies that will probably appear in the Valley Stakes, I have picked out the following as being about the best among the second line of defence in this year's lot of subscription griffins:

African Cat (Mr. Wong).
Astrik (Mr. Proulx).
Be Yourself (Mr. Encarnacao).
Dekko (Mr. Maitland).
Mustard (Mr. Tao).
Dark Hazard (Mr. Liang).
Ferry Bridge (Mr. Needa).
Lancashire Chap (Mr. Raymond).
Lucky Eleven (Mr. Shu).
Sea Dragon (Mr. Black).
Split Hand (Mr. A. Noodt).

As the Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes in past years have invariably provided substantial dividends, and in view of the shortness of the race, I am not going to venture to select the likely winners. The ponies named above are, in my estimation, capable of winning, and it is up to my readers to do the necessary.

RACE NO. 8: THE TRIAL PLATE: 1½ MILES.

This race should provide a guide to selecting the winner of the Hong Kong Derby. As was the case last year with Rosemary, The Eu Tong-sen stable



may keep back Desert Chief until Monday, in which case the finish of the Trial Plate should be fought out between:

Confusion Bay (Mr. Maitland).
Silkylight (Mr. Moller).
Moon Light View (Mr. Wong).
Half-Moon Eve (Mr. Marshall).
Just in Time (Mr. Pote Hunt).
Viber (Mr. B. L. Tao).

Should the track be fast, Confusion Bay is my choice, but I shall not feel inclined to bet on it in the event of the going being on the heavy side.

Silkylight has established itself as a favourite for the Derby as a result of impressive performances during morning trials, and in this race I think it will meet Confusion Bay. Then there is Half-Moon Eve, which will be going out in the Derby instead of Harmony Eve, which may not start at all in any race.

I rather liked Half-Moon Eve's movement last Sunday morning, when it finished a gallop over the Champions course on a muddy track. Just in Time should not be overlooked, as I believe that its form has not been properly revealed in training, and Moonlight View is another pony to watch.

RACE NO. 9: THE VALLEY STAKES: SIX FURLONGS:

This is going to be a very open affair. Between fifteen and twenty ponies are expected to face the starter, and I expect the following to be prominent:

Arabian Cat (Mr. Wong).
Borrachito (Mr. A. Noodt).
Fel Ying (Mr. Marshall).
National Force (Mr. H. C. Pih).
Piet Hein (Mr. Chao).
Planchet (Mr. Needa).
Salvage Master (Mr. Black).



L. G. "Leo" Frost, above, former Champion Jockey of the Colony, will be conspicuous by his absence at the annual race meeting which opens to-morrow morning at the Valley.

Smiling Thru (Mr. Encarnacao).

The Leopard (Mr. Wm. Wu). The Valley Stakes was won last year by Pagan Love (Mr. Marshall), and this year the jockey has Fei Ying, which has been regarded in certain quarters as the potential winner. I rather like Fei Ying as it has the stamp of a good pony.

It will, however, meet with stern opposition from Borrachito, which belongs to the joint owners of Gordito.

Planchet and Smiling Thru appear to me to be on the heavy side, and I think they will do better over long distance events. National Force is a fast mover, and in training Salvage Master and The Leopard have returned good times.

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double," and in the event of right nomination having been made on the first leg, I recommend either Fei Ying or Borrachito, with National Force as the outsider.

RACE NO. 10: THE CURRAGH HANDICAP: ONE MILE

Confined to China ponies, Classified "C" Class as at 31st. December, 1937, and considering their past performances, I think the finish should be between the following:

Boolat Bay (Mr. Maitland).
Bright View (Mr. Wong).
King's Lead (Mr. Needa).

Boolat Bay ran very well, although defeated by Harvest View, in the Shum Chun Handicap (First Section) at the Eleventh Extra Race Meeting, and, as it appears to be in fine shape at the moment, I recommend it to win. King's Lead is also very fit, and under Mr. Needa it should do well.

RACE NO. 11 THE BENDIGO STAKES: ONE MILE:

This race is for old Australian ponies, but those that have been classified "A" Class as at the 31st. December, 1937, are barred. I have a strong fancy for Llanarmon here. It will be ridden by Mr. Davis, and it will be recalled that this combination won the Murrayfield Handicap at the Twelfth Extra Race Meeting. Saucy Face (Mr. H. C. Pih) was placed in several outings before the close of racing last year, and I think it should come in second again, with Australian Boy (Mr. B. L. Tao) filling the third position. As outsiders, Bag Tor (Mr. Proulx) and Dick Turpin (Mr. Encarnacao) may be worth following.

RACE NO. 12: THE NEW STABLES PLATE: FROM THE TWO MILE POST:

I don't expect to see more than five ponies taking part in this race, which should provide King's Warden (Mr. Needa) with a win. Diana Bay (Mr. Maitland) may be sent out also, but I am afraid this grand old mare will find King's Warden too hard to beat. Cosack's Beauty (Mr. Wong) should fill third place. In the event of a wet track, it will be very dangerous.

FANLING HUNT

The Steeplechase Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club which was postponed owing to weather on Sunday, February 13, will be held next Sunday.

The Meet of the Hounds arranged for Sunday, February 20, will now be held on Sunday, February 27, and the Meet at Kitten Hill, arranged for that day, is cancelled.

"Y" Ladies Hold Saints To Draw In Brawn Cup

Miss P. Lawson Still Improving

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH they had much the better team and most of the play, St. Andrew's were held to a draw of 1-all by the "Y" Ladies in their Brawn Cup hockey fixture at King's Park yesterday.

Except for one or two isolated breakaways by Mrs. Williams and Miss Bradbury, inside-left and centre-forward respectively, "Y" were always on the defensive but thanks to some fine work on the part of Miss Bruce, in goal, who was sound if not spectacular, their citadel was kept intact.

Despite some misgivings a short while ago, Miss Y. Ho was able to turn out at inside-right for St. Andrew's and gave an extremely fine performance. In combination with Miss M. Churn and Miss Roberts, she instituted many promising moves but weak shooting ruined many scoring opportunities.

Miss Churn was far more aggressive than she has been for some time and distributed the ball a good deal better than she has done in recent matches, while Miss Roberts was her usual aggressive self and it was not from want of trying that she did not add several to the score.

MISS HALL MOVES OUT

In defence, Miss Hall, by moving to the edge of the circle saved at least a couple of sure goals from Miss Bradbury and Mrs. Williams but on the whole she did not have very much to do.

Miss Chang, at right-back, was as usual lethargic, being much too slow with her tackling but Miss Broadbridge, her partner was safe as houses.

Miss Lawson was the pick of the intermediate-line. She continues to improve from game to game and on her present showing, would be a certainty for the Saints' first eleven were she staying in the Colony for the next season.

Miss Bradbury and Mrs. Williams

were the outstanding players in the "Y" team and were head and shoulders above their contemporaries. Both of them are clearly far above the standard of this class of hockey and it is unfortunate for them that there is such a wealth of talent available for their senior team.

Miss Stella Roberts scored the Saints goal in the first half following a pass from Miss M. Churn, while Mrs. Williams converted a pass from Miss Bradbury late in the second half, for the "Y" to equalise.

LAST NIGHT'S TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

The results of last night's table tennis matches were as follows:

Chen Kok-wing received walk-over from W. J. Skinner.	
Fung Kok-noo beat A. M. Botelho	3—0
Lee Hon-kun beat L. J. Remedios	3—0
Shu Shui-lun received walk-over from W. J. Skinner.	
Lee King-kwong beat A. M. Botelho	3—1
Lau Kwok-chi beat L. J. Remedios	3—0
Yee King-kwong beat Fung Kok-hoo	3—2



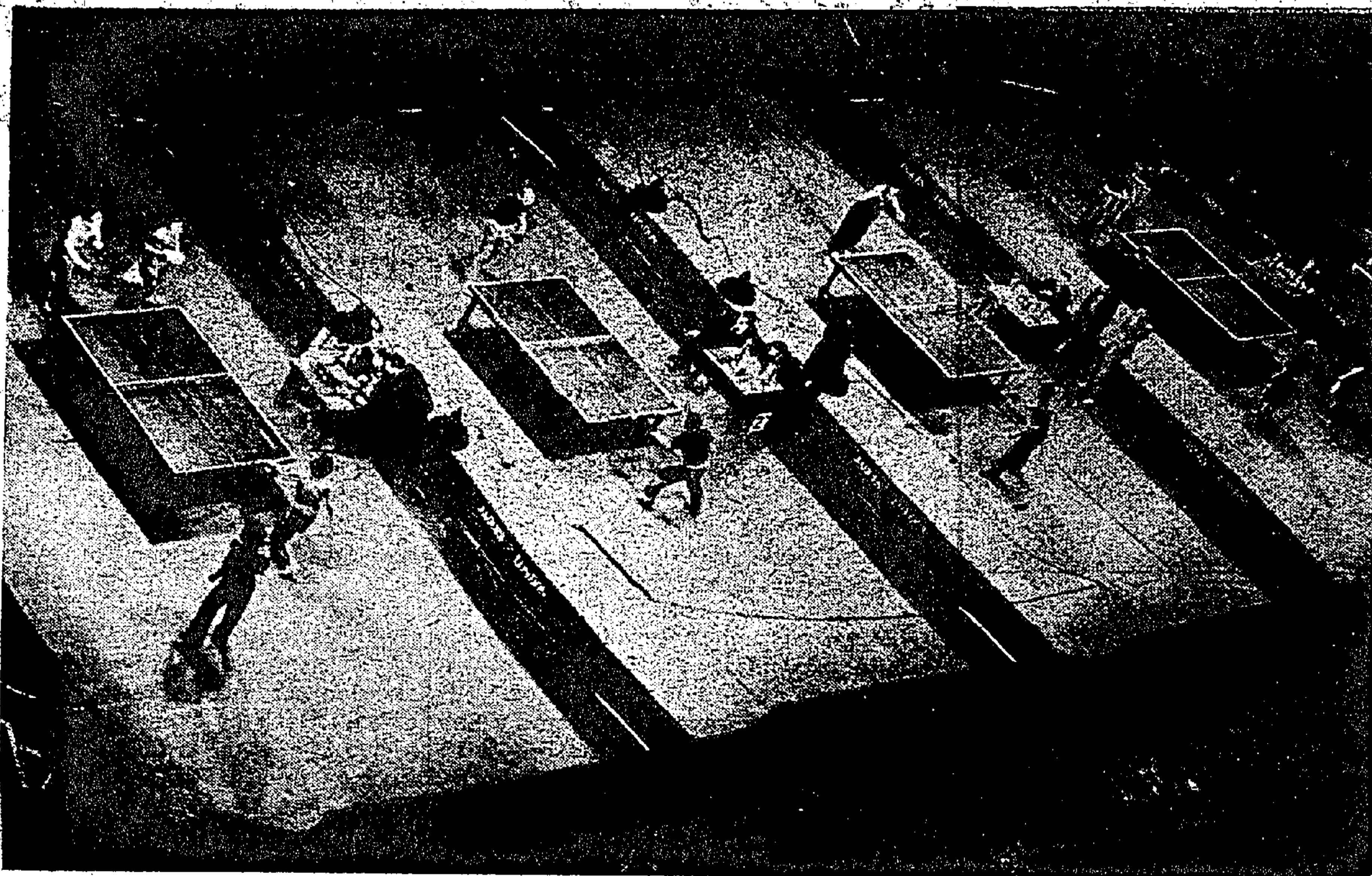
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In view of the coming visit of Miklos Szabados and Istvan Kelen, Hungarian and world table tennis champions, the photograph above giving a general view of the world table tennis championships during play, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on January 24, should be of interest to local followers of the sport. (Fox Copyright—By Air Mail).

VOLUNTEERS AT CRICKET

Three Matches For Next Week

The following will represent the Volunteers in cricket matches next week: Against Kowloon Cricket Club at Kowloon on Monday.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), J. Barrow, G. E. R. Divett, J. H. Fox, R. H. Griffiths, H. Owen Hughes, W. L. McKenzie, A. P. Pereira, G. Souza, A. Zimmern, E. Zimmern. Reserve: H. A. Namak.

Against United Services at H.K.C.C. on Tuesday.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, G. E. R. Divett, J. H. Fox, N. D. Lloyd, T. A. Madar, H. A. Namak, H. B. Neve, A. E. Perry, G. Souza, A. Zimmern.

Against Hong Kong Cricket Club at Hong Kong on Wednesday.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), R. T. Broadbridge, J. H. Fox, R. H. Griffiths, N. A. E. Mackay, W. L. McKenzie, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. A. Namak, A. P. Pereira, P. M. N. da Silva and G. Souza.

BILLIARDS TITLE

Sydney, To-day.

The scores in the billiards match for the world championship, continued yesterday, are:

Lindrum 16,409

Maconachie (in play) .. 10,563

—Reuter.



NEW PONY SHOWS HIMSELF A JUMPER

(By "RAPIER")

A minor, but unusual, accident occurred this morning on the Valley track.

In preparation for the Annual Race Meeting, which will commence to-morrow, the ponies were taken out for their final last quarter runs. Among them was a new Australian pony by the name of Black Tim, belonging to Makale, and ridden by Mr. Popoff, a Russian riding boy. The pony completed the gallop, and was on its way back to the stable, when it suddenly became restive. It jumped over the bamboo fence, and both pony and rider fell to the ground. The pony was practically on top of the riding boy, but he managed to extricate himself and retain control of the pony.

It was an exhibition of coolness on the part of the rider, who then returned to the stable apparently none the worse for his experience.

SZABADOS AND KELEN FOR THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

TABLE TENNIS EXPERTS

Miklos Szabados and Istvan Kelen, the Hungarian and world tables tennis stars, will be seen at the European Y.M.C.A. in an exhibition on Wednesday, March 2, commencing at 9 p.m.

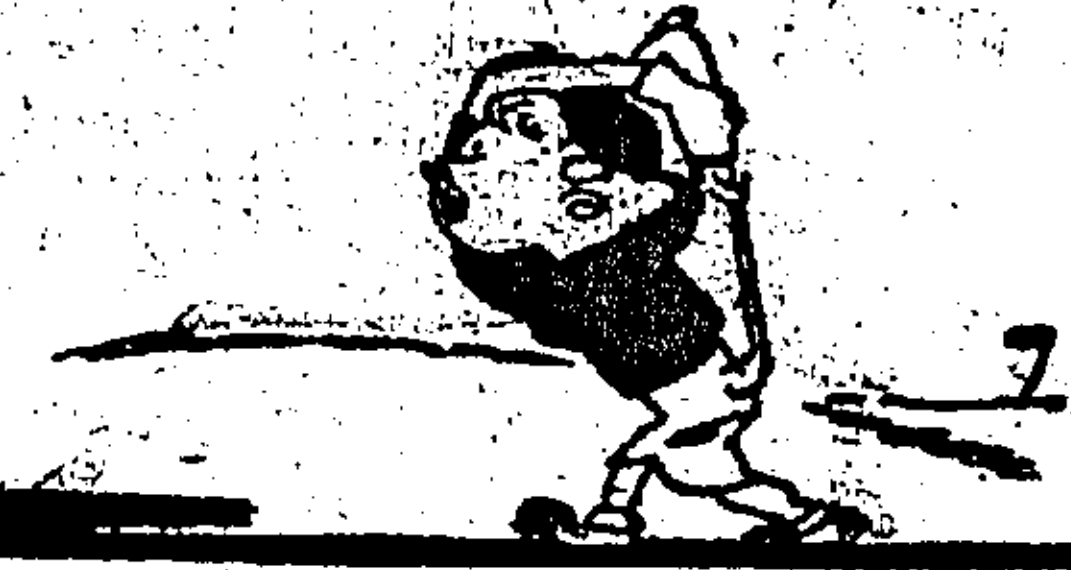
Szabados and Kelen will be featured by themselves, and also against two of the Colony's leading Chinese contenders, who will be selected following the elimination process at present taking place in the local tournament, organised by the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association.

The exhibition will be held in the West Lounge and prices for admission will be \$1 and 50 cents.

The Hungarians will appear at the headquarters of the Hong Kong Table Association, on March 1 and 3, engaging the best Chinese players in a series of matches.

2ND DIVISION SOCCER LEADERS LOSE AT HOME

London, To-day.—In the Second Division of the English Football League, Sheffield United, the present leaders, yesterday suffered their second home defeat of the season when they conceded both points to Manchester United by the odd goal in three.—Reuter.



GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m.	Stubbs Shield Final tie.
9.16 "	S. S. Church, L. R. Cramer.
9.20 "	G. S. Hugh Jones, M. G. Marriott.
9.24 "	A. K. Mackenzie, F. Marshall.
9.28 "	C. M. Gee, J. E. Jupp.
9.32 "	G. C. Worrall, K. K. Rounds.
9.36 "	Comdr. Hole, A. V. Greaves.
9.40 "	A. Nicol, N. Garland.
9.44 "	J. Hall, A. Murdoch.
9.48 "	A. C. I. Bowker, R. K. Valentine.
9.52 "	H. A. Mills, C. C. Willson.
9.56 "	I. P. Tamworth, N. P. Fox.
10.00 "	H. R. R. Hancock, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.04 "	A. T. Lay, A. B. Raworth.
10.08 "	O. E. C. Marton, E. T. McMullen.
10.12 "	T. A. Pearce, A. E. Lissaman.
10.16 "	E. Norris, G. Finch.
10.20 "	W. Woodward, J. H. Underwood.
10.24 "	J. Stenersen, G. H. Bell.
10.28 "	G. Milne, A. A. Bremner.
10.32 "	G. S. Archbutt, H. S. Hills.
10.36 "	Col. Blake, Major McDonald.
10.40 "	V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
10.44 "	R. Stock, A. Sommerfelt.
10.48 "	A. D. Humphreys, Col. Matthews.
10.52 "	L. Goldman, D. S. Edward.
10.56 "	G. E. R. Divett, Col. Austin.
11.00 "	A. E. Perry, G. F. O'Brien.
11.04 "	R. A. Campbell, G. M. Park.
11.08 "	A. Corrighan, E. L. Groome.
11.12 "	I. H. Geare, A. B. Purves.
11.16 "	K. S. Morrison, J. A. D. Morrison.
11.20 "	H. N. Williamson, H. H. Mundy.
11.24 "	T. R. Chassels, A. C. Godby.
11.28 "	D. Humphreys, C. A. Kinog.

NEW COURSE

9.16 a.m.	J. B. H. Leckie, P. H. Scoones.
9.20 "	R. L. D. Wodehouse, A. Morse.
9.24 "	J. H. M. Andrew, O. J. Shannon.
9.28 "	J. L. Bonnar, R. E. H. Nelson.
9.36 "	J. F. Wright*, Wing Cdr. Bishop*.
9.40 "	Mrs. Garland, Miss Green.
9.48 "	T. E. and J. L. C. Pearce*.
9.56 "	F. C. Young, G. T. May.
10.04 "	W. N. A. Smalley, J. W. Mayhew.
10.08 "	Mrs. Smalley, C. J. Clackette.
10.18 "	E. Laidlaw*, K. R. Quick*.
10.20 "	Mrs. Woodward, Miss Curtin.
10.28 "	A. H. Forbes*, Capt. Holmes*.
10.36 "	Mrs. Blake, Mrs. MacDonald.
10.44 "	Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Holmes.
10.52 "	W. J. E. and Mrs. Mackenzie.

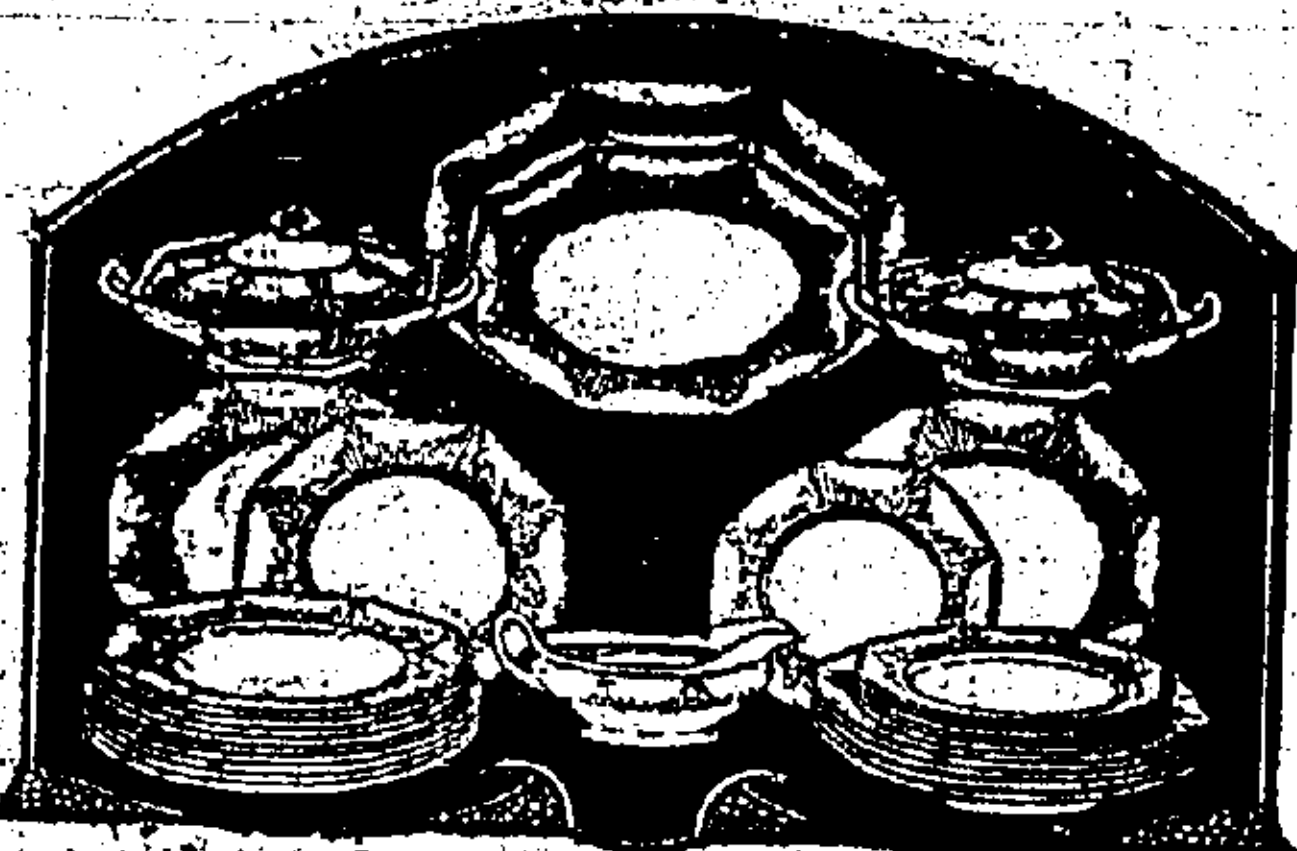
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SCOTTISH RUGBY UPSET

STUDENTS DEFEAT HERIOT'S (F.P.)

LEADERS SAFELY THROUGH

(By AIR MAIL)

Glasgow, February 1.

SCOTTISH Rugby championship results on Saturday included at least one big surprise—the defeat of Heriot's (F.P.) by Edinburgh University. The Goldenacre side had late changes, but they were most unlike a side so recently in the running for honours, and were well beaten by the students.

Dunfermline and Stewart's College (F.P.), the championship leaders, made no mistake, and won well over Glasgow High School (F.P.) and Melrose respectively.

Dunfermline's forwards were on top in what was really a defensive battle, and they were aided by a penalty try which was converted. Stewart's win was yet another triumph for A. G. Blair, who scored four tries, made two conversions, and kicked a penalty goal, thus contributing 19 of his side's 25 points.

STIFFER OPPOSITION

Watsonians, who piled up a record score against Glasgow Academicals at New Anniesland, found their Glasgow rivals a stiffer proposition in the return match at Myreside, but won through by 8 points to 3 points.

Royal High School went down to another Glasgow visiting side, Hillhead High School (F.P.) getting the only scores of the game—a penalty goal and a try. Ahe Schoolmen, however, had a lot of bad luck with goal kicks.

Melville College (F.P.) returned another win at the expense of Gala, but Hawick secured a good Borders success by defeating Edinburgh Academicals at Mansfield Park.

THREW ASIDE CAUTION

Selkirk were also winners, throwing aside caution and scoring well in a bright, open match with St. Andrews University.

In schools matches, Watson's College had a good win over Edinburgh Academy, and Merchiston and Fettes College had a pointless draw.

Over the Forder, London Scottish continued their successful run by defeating London Irish.

CHIEF RESULTS

Watsonians	8	Glasgow Acad.	3
Royal H.S. (F.P.)	0	Hillhead (F.P.)	6
Stewart's (F.P.)	25	Melrose	12
Edin. University	13	Heriot's (F.P.)	0
Melville (F.P.)	11	Gala	5
Hawick	10	Edin. Acad.	6
Glasgow Univ.	10	Edin. Wander.	23
Dunfermline	11	Clas. H.S. (F.P.)	4
Kelso	13	Jedforest	3
Selkirk	24	St. Andrews U.	8
West of Scotland	9	Kelvinside Acad.	6

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1937 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Hong Kong, 18th Feb., 1938.

RIFLE ASSN. ANNUAL MEETING

The impending departure of Major D. H. Steers, Secretary of the Hong Kong Rifle Association, was mentioned at the annual meeting at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

In his review of the year, Major R. D. Walker, President, intimated that the Association's use of the Kowloon City Range would be extended shortly.

Major Walker said:

Our finances show that profit on the year's working has increased over the previous year by 133 per cent., and in actual value, stood on December 31 at \$3,308. In addition our assets have increased by 40 per cent., and are now valued at nearly \$12,000, which is a very creditable result, as the Association is not yet three years old, and our subscription is among the lowest of any sporting organisation in this Colony.

NEW OFFICERS

The election of officers resulted.—President, Major R. D. Walker; Vice Presidents, Brig. F. W. L. Bissett, Brig. A. B. Thomson, Col. N. M. S. Irwin, Col. C. G. Gowlland, and a nominee of the Colonial Secretary; Secretary, Brevet Major G. P. Murray; Treasurer, J. Hargreaves; Auditors, Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming (with honorarium of \$100), Legal Adviser, W. Keith Robinson. To fill vacancies on the Council, T. J. Stokes and W. Austin were elected.

The services that Major Steers had given to the Association were embodied in a minute in the records.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Entries For Sydney Maidens And The Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes

THE SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES

First Section
A Better Time, Annabella, Arina, Black Tim, Cape York, Colorado Star, Lily, Lucky Lad, Murray River, Sea Spray, Sea Urchin, The Buffer and Tornado Star.

Second Section
A Lovely Time, Boris, Bredon, Crif-fel, King's Privilege, Little Audrey, Lovely Day, Macquarie River, Maya, National Crisis, Olga, Rex, See That and Sydney Bridge.

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THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB

China New Year Meeting—
20th February 1938
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Owing to the rain the condition of the country precludes holding "The Australian Country Cup" Race No. 2 is accordingly cancelled; Entry money will be refunded, and in place the following race is substituted:—

No. 2—"Australian Hunters' Hurdle"—1½ miles for Australian ponies that have been entered for The Australian Country Cup. Catchweights 160 lbs. WINNER a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Post Entries. Entry Fee \$3.

Triumph, Five Rulers, Full Mark, Gobi Star, Golden Brew, Golden Cow, Golden Idol, Labour Day, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, Lucky Seven, Meteor, Mongolian Cat, National Triumph, Palmer, Platinum, Rexiana, Sahara Star, Stymie, The Great Triumph, The Scholar, Tommy and Victory.

Second Section

Acme, African Cat, Ali Baba, Astrik, Bestvaer, Borrachito, Celebration Day, Charybdis, Cloudy Star, Cricketer, Dark Hazard, Dekko, Eagle, Fei Ying, Ferrybridge, Flying Trapeze, Gold Dollar, In The Bag, Mac's Second Venture, Mustard, National Dignity, National Force, National Guard, On Your Toe, Sea Dragon, Split Hand, Sunshine Susie and Wanning.

Eva Turner
And
Mrs. Schreiber

To-day's Wireless

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
Beautiful Italy (Operetta Paganini—Lehar-Herbert).
Girls Were Made To Love And Kiss (Operetta Paganini—Lehar-Herbert).
The Old Tree (Diana Napier-Tauber).
12.40 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
Operatic (Famous Operatic Melodies—arr. J. H. Squire).
Ave Maria (Schubert, arr. Willoughby).
Spring Song (Mendelssohn, arr. Willoughby).
Phantom Minuet (Hope).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
Yvonne (Horatio Nicholls).
Trouble In Paradise (Wever, Ager & Schwartz).
Maruschka (De Leur).
Cuban Serenade (G. Midgley).
The Land Of Smiles—
Patiently Smiling (Lehar).
You are my Heart's Delight (Lehar).
Soliloquy (Alan Murray).
Gipsy Melody (Nelson & Knight).
Illusions (Zigeuner Romance No. 4—Jacob Gade).
1.30 p.m.—Router and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
2 p.m.—Dance Records.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Variety & Dance Music.
7.35 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.40 p.m.—London Relay—'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Eva Turner (Soprano) and Elsbeth Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano) accompanied by A. T. Lay.
1. Duet: Gruss (Mendelssohn).
2. Soprano:
Der Schmied (Brahms).
Ständchen (Brahms).
Vergebliches Ständchen (Brahms).
3. Duet: Aller Berge Gipfel (Rubenstein).
4. Mezzo-Soprano:
Regenlied (Joseph Marx).
Schlummerlied (Hans Hermann).
5. Duet: Uber's Jahr (Bohm).
8.23 p.m.—Orchestral.
Don Juan—Symphonic Poem, Op. 20 (Strauss)... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
8.31 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent—28th series of opera: 'Excerpts from Wagner's 'Die Meistersinger' Acts I & II'.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Violin Solos.
Guitarre, Op. 45, No. 2 (Moszkowski, Sarasate).
Serenade Espagnole (Chaminade, arr. Kreisler)... Alfredo Campoli with Piano Accomp.
Hungarian Dance No. 1 (Brahms-Joachim)... Grisha Goluboff with Piano accompaniment by Ivor Newton.
Extase—Reverie (Ganne)... Albert Sandler assisted by J. Samehtini (Cello) and J. Byfield (Piano).
10.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan.
'The Yeomen of the Guard'
A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid.... Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson, & Nellie Briercliffe.

When A Wooer Goes A Wooing.
Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe, D. Oldham & G. Baker.
Rapture! Rapture!
D. Gill & P. Dawson.
Comes The Pretty Young Bride.
Full Company.
Leonard, My Loved One... Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus.
10.20 p.m.—Variety and Dance Programme.
Vocal—Famous Ballads By Frederick Weatherley... Dennis Noble (Bartitone).
Cymbalum & Orch.—
Waltz No. 1 In E Flat (Dufand).
Red Rose... Cymbalum Solo by Elec Racz with Piano.
Rakoczy March.
Colombo's Tziganes.
Piano—
The King's Horses (Gay & Graham).
Medley Of Marches.
Raie Da Costa.
Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley.
Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano).
Dance Orch.—
No Greater Love—Fox-Trot.
Lost—Fox-Trot... Guy Lombardo & his Royal Canadians.
Orchestra—Great Day—Selection (Rose, Eliscu & Youmans)... Jack Payne & His BBC Dance Orch.
Dance Orch.—
Girls Were Made To Love & K... Quickstep.
Love, Live For Ever—Waltz (both from Operetta 'Paganini')... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close down.

GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)
G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'At the Black Dog.'
8.45 a.m.—'The Band Waggon.'
9.30 a.m.—'Cards on the Table.'
9.50 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 2
Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Harry Fryer and his Orchestra, from the Chiswick Empire, London.
11.20 a.m.—Recital of Music for Two Pianofortes.
11.40 a.m.—'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
12.00 p.m.—Julius Kantrovitch and his Orchestra.
12.30 p.m.—'The Silver Box'. A play by John Galsworthy.
1.05 p.m.—Harry Roy.
1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—'Organising One of the Burlington House Art Exhibitions'. A talk by Michael Stewart.
3.15 p.m.—'The Band Waggon.'
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
4.30 p.m.—'Empire Variety Hall.'
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Questions And Answers

Here are a few questions and answers:—

(1) Both sides vulnerable. You are South. The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 S Pass 2 D ?
You, South, hold:
S—6 4 3
H—7
D—K J 10 9 8 6
C—Q J 9

What call do you make?
Answer: You should pass. A double would not be conventional for penalties. It would be a conventional take-out (informatory) double. Obviously you dare not invite your partner to bid. Hence, in spite of your strength against the two diamond bid, you must, at least temporarily, hold your peace.
(Two points demerit for any call other than pass).

(2) Both sides vulnerable. You are South. The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 S Dbl 3 S ?
You, South, hold:
S—Q J 2
H—3 2
D—7 4 2
C—A K Q J 4

What call do you make?
Answer: You should bid three no-trumps. You have a stopper in the adversely bid suit and a solid five-card suit of your own. Your distribution is such that you cannot be sure of making five clubs. Hence there is no reason to bid four clubs, thus going past the three no-trumps level.

COMMENT ON A HAND

NORTH

S—Q 6 4

H—9 2
D—Q J 10 3 2
C—K J 10
WEST EAST
S—9 2 S—A J 10 8 3
H—3 7 5 4 3 H—K J 10
D—K 6 4 D—9 7
C—8 6 5 C—7 4 2
SOUTH
S—K 7 5
H—A Q 6
D—A 8 5
C—A Q 9 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 C Pass 1 D 1 S
3 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass Pass

The South player, who deliberately chose to open the bidding with one club, "fixed" himself badly by that strange choice. Obviously one no-trumps was the perfect opening bid.

The opening lead of the spade nine was ducked all around. Now, on the spade deuce continuation, East shrewdly read that if he again ducked he probably would lose his ace and, at match point duplicate, one trick more or less would mean a big difference. The spade ace winning, the heart jack was returned. Declarer finessed successfully, entered dummy with a club, and finessed diamonds. West having the king, the hand then was spread for four odd.

Declarer could have recovered his bidding error by a super play at the very first trick. That was to put up dummy's spade queen! East would have been helpless. To win with the ace would mean that he never could regain the lead. To permit the queen to hold would concede declarer a second spade stopper.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—
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I.—It is hereby notified that on the days fixed for the Annual Race Meeting at Wong-Nei-Chong (February 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th), the following Regulations under Ordinance No.2 of 1869, will be in force:—

- 1.—All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nei-Chong will proceed clockwise round Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chong Road to the entrance gates.
- 2.—Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.
- 3.—Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.
- 4.—Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying on or near the Race Course is liable to be destroyed.

NOTE:—Kennedy Road will be open to light motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

II.—Extra Race Meetings during the year 1938.—On days fixed for Extra Race Meetings.

One way traffic will be enforced in Wong-Nei-Chong Road.

Kennedy Road will not be open to motor traffic.

PARKING OF CARS AT THE
RACE COURSE

- 1.—The Stand at the public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards and Officials only.
- 2.—Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.
- 3.—Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police,
Hong Kong 18th February, 1938.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries close TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 6 p.m.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 26th February 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 14th February to Saturday the 26th February 1938 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the
Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1938.

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19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and
26th February, 1938.

On Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 26th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Tel. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 14th February, 1938.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
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Austro-German Union Foreshadowed

London, To-day.

With very few exceptions, the British press reacts favourably and with sympathy to the developments in Austria.

"The Times" expects that reconstruction of the Austrian Cabinet, as well as the amnesty for political prisoners, are merely the first of many measures to be taken under the Austro-German agreement.

The journal attaches importance to the visit to Germany of the new Austrian Home Minister, and says it may result in sharper control of the press law.

In a leading article, "The Times" says that everything depends on what the agreement arrived at actually looks like.

NO SURPRISES

None of its provisions would, however, in the light of Austro-German relations, be a great surprise.

Close understanding between the two German states would be the most natural thing in the world.

One of the most irrational, most criminal and most provocative provisions in the Peace Treaties was the embargo on an Austro-German union.

One of the greatest mistakes of European policy since the War was condemnation by The Hague Court of the intended union.

EUROPEAN STABILITY

No treaty could keep Austria

isolated from the rest of the German race.

As for the new agreement, it could only be judged by the contribution it made to European stability.

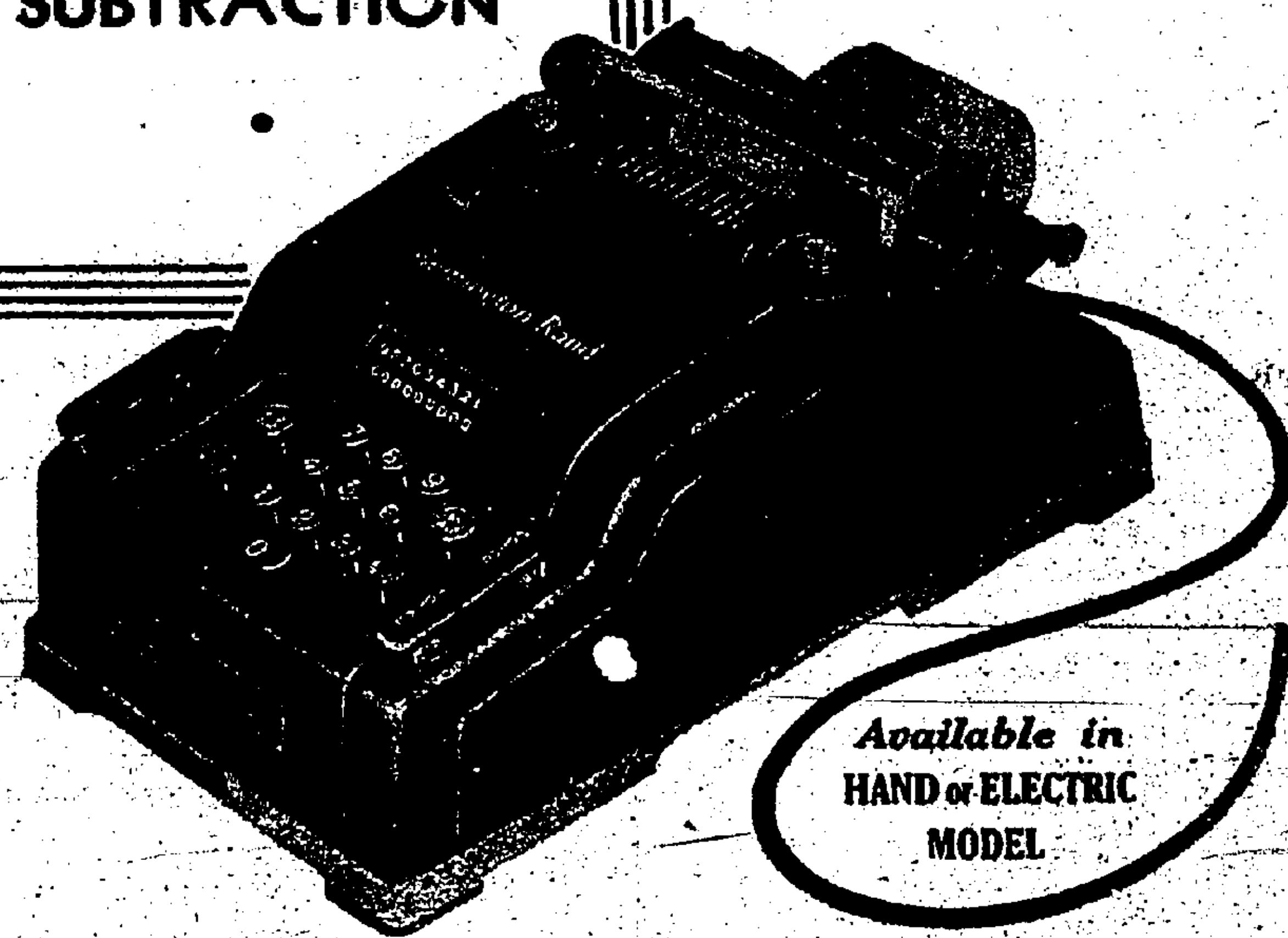
In England, the opinion prevailed that Germany could only attain its aims on the other side of the Austrian frontiers by peaceful means.

But as for Germany an "expansion," which means German economic influence, it is not a policy of peace to oppose such expansion.—Trans-Ocean.

E. H. B. Neil, of Homestead, Shek-O, was this morning fined \$3 at the Central Magistracy for driving in a westerly direction in that portion of Chater Road which is only open to East-bound traffic.

Lieut. MacKenzie of the Seaforth's Highlanders, has reported the loss of clothing valued at \$2.10 from his car, No. 3711, while it was parked in Kowloon.

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At the ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong Electric Company, Ltd., to be held on Thursday, March 10th at 11 a.m., the Directors will, subject to audit, recommend that the balance available for distribution be disposed of as follows:

To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share making, with the interim dividend of \$1.00 per share paid on September 9th 1937, a total of \$2.50 per share on 600,000 shares	\$1,500,000.00
To pay a bonus of 50 cents per share on 600,000 shares	300,000.00
To place to Reserve	100,000.00
To carry forward to next account	286,992.26
	\$2,186,992.26

The Company has benefited through the abnormal conditions obtaining during the latter part of the year 1937.

Captain Walter Bosman, who has been paying a visit to the Colony after an absence of fifty years, and met foreign and Chinese boyhood friends at the Kwong Chow Restaurant on Monday, is leaving tonight in the Victoria. A farewell cocktail party is being held at 5 p.m. at the Hong Kong Hotel.

While driving car, No. 174, with Mrs. Samson, of the Texaco Oil installation and a boy, Yui-Fook was about to pass a stationary car when another car approached from the opposite direction. He swerved and collided causing slight damage to the mud guard. Mrs. Samson received slight head injuries and the boy a cut on the face.

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